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QUEER CENSORSHIP.

Canada's Bigoted New Custom.

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(letters)

Sharing Knowledge & Support

I recently started chemotherapy for KS in the lungs. I would like to have a meeting of those similarly affected to share our concerns, knowledge and approaches to healing. If interested, please write to Don, PO Box 7, Berkeley 94701 and I'll coordinate. People could also write to the *SF Bay Times* letter section to share such information. Perhaps the *SF Bay Times* should have a regular column consisting of people with HIV sharing tidbits of knowledge that might not be available yet to the general public.

Don
Berkeley

The Power of Misogyny

You got a face? Broad Nation is in it.

You go about your day untroubled by the holocaust right under your nose—the holocaust of women? In one hour of your day, more women die of breast cancer, cervical cancer, suicide, environmental illnesses, rape, domestic violence, homelessness, AIDS and poverty than you can fit into a stadium. Who is to blame for this? You go about your day untroubled by the holocaust right under your nose? *Guess who is the problem!*

So many more women than males die of cancer it's sickening, yet most of the money for cancer goes to the precious males. So many more women than males die of domestic violence and rape that there should be a huge monument in every city. What male knows about rape? Some dumb, ugly rapist getting raped by a prison cellmate? Talk about poetic justice!

So many more women than males live in poverty that they are really a nation within a nation. They are America's secret Soweto. So many women have AIDS that it's a nightmare and a woman with AIDS suffers so much more than a male with AIDS. *Misogyny is far more powerful and ingrained than homophobia.*

Of course all marginalized groups have to work side by side fighting their health crises and of course males with AIDS suffer, but it's nothing compared to misogyny and what the women go through. And let us just say what every lesbian we have talked to thinks: Even with their precious AIDS crisis, women still suffer more than the privileged gay white males.

Getting angry? Now you know what your misogyny feels like after being confronted. It churns around inside you. Don't like a bunch of queer broads making you look at things you know are true? Now you know how strongly misogyny shapes your attitudes. You think you're queer? *Guess who is the problem!*

During the three months since we wrote our first letter, Broad Nation has been meeting, planning, increasing our membership, and beginning actions that will make you sick if you're sexist and laugh with joy if you're a woman. In fighting misogyny, our actions will be LOUD. But being "devious and untrustworthy females" a few of our actions have already occurred—behind the scenes. We have even "infiltrated" a few local sacred cow institutions. Feeling threatened? Do keep guessing.

In our last letter we criticized feminist Uncle Toms like Feinstein and Boxer and CIA pawns like Gloria Steinem. Yet we won't be neglecting the countless courageous broads who have truly been fighting misogyny and the oppression of women—broads like Roberta Achtenberg, Marsha Levine, Pat Norman, Barbara Cameron, Susan Leal, Eileen Hansen, Sarah Schulman, Patti Chang, Val C. Phoenix, Angela Bocage, Lee Erlichman, Deborah Peifer, Kate Raphael, Nona Caspers, Paula Gutierrez, Kate Clinton, Audrey Lockwood, Lupe Riley, Beth Elliot, Constance Schultz, Petra Iamasclitu, Birgit Schirra, Naomi Falcone, Madeleine Winter.

This is the short list! These queer women can't be shown enough of our heartfelt gratitude and respect. It is among these broads that the majority of intelligence, compassion and courage have been shown in our community. And don't forget that broad Carole Migden—*the next Mayor of San Francisco!*

Get used to the new reality. Whether in your face or quietly behind the scenes, women are taking advantage of the opportunities the last ten years in this town have given us—the opportunities to give it what it needs most—the rule of the hearts and minds of women!

Feeling threatened? You are a misogynist!
You got a face?
Broad Nation is in it!

Naomi Adelman,
Angela Yee, Lisa Maddox, Pat Hutchinsen,
Dierdre Clay, Christine Pacheco

Hate Is Hate Is Hate Is Hate

I am writing to respond to the letter from Russell Hanley (Oct. 21) who was responding to a letter from Nona Casper (July 15). You are completely right on it, Russell! We have all dealt with shit in our lives—whether it was sexual abuse as a child (male or female!), racism, homophobia, sexism, cancer (*breast* and *testicular*), rape, suicide, death, AIDS (*women* and *men*)... get the picture, Nona? *Is this a community? Hmmm?*

Queer women hating queer men; queer men hating queer women; queer whites hating queer African Americans; queer African Americans hating queer whites; queer Latinos hating queer whites and queer African Americans; queer whites and queer African Americans and queer Latinos hating queer Asians; queer Asians hating queer whites and queer African Americans and queer Latinos; queer men and women hating transgenders and bisexuals and heterosexuals. *This is not a community. This is HATE!*

Nona Casper, maybe you should search within yourself instead of blaming others. I am a man... and I have testicles (except that I have two, and Russell Hanley only has one!). I would never do anything to hurt you, Nona, nor would I do anything to hurt my fellow queer men and queer women; nor would I do anything to hurt queer animals or another human being.

Nona, maybe you should search within yourself... where, when and why did these negative feelings and anger begin and what can you do to lose that unneeded baggage and negative energy (it is bad for your Karma!).

Anyway, why can't we all just get along?

Nona, my queer soul sister, I love you! Peace and happiness and positive energy...

Jimmie Levin
San Francisco

Fighting Each Other

As the actor who portrayed a battering lesbian in the play *Women in the Shadows, adapted* by Alvin Orloff from the novel *written* (in 1959) by Ann Bannon, I do not understand the response of the Women's Action Coalition to a play that they didn't see.

Rather than a "comic depiction of battering," the scene in question was so *un*funny that Mr. Orloff (who also directed the play) asked me at one point in rehearsal to underplay the physical part of it. I (ironically) insisted that it be left intact in order to keep the play faithful to Bannon's book, which was in fact more violent than our adaptation.

Ann Bannon's books are reflections of her experience, as she wrote about it more than 30 years ago. Although not politically correct today, these books are a part of lesbian literary history. They shouldn't be negated simply because times have changed. While our play had a '90s sensibility, the dialogue and action were faithful to Bannon's book.

I went to see Bannon sign her books at A Different Light Bookstore on Sept. 11. There I heard a woman saying how she had been inspired to leave a battering relationship after reading Bannon's books. Obviously people have different reactions to the same material.

I am deeply sorry that any women were so upset by our play, but I would do the same play again in a heartbeat—although this time I wouldn't donate any money to WAC, or any organization whose aims and ideals I am so obviously unfamiliar with. I guess we have all learned something. Thank you for passing our donation on to the San Francisco Network for Battered Lesbians and Bisexual Women, an organization that can use it.

As a former member/supporter of WAC who now feels personally threatened by the tone of your letter (thankfully you didn't see the play so you don't know what I look like), I am saddened by what has apparently come of the excellent goals WAC began with.

It makes life harder when we have to fight each other to support each other. But I plan to keep trying—just try to stop me.

Yours in sisterhood,

Laurie Bushman
San Francisco

Apology Withdrawn

After *Women in the Shadows* closed, the Women's Action Coalition asked me for a script of the play (which camped the melodramatic and unliberated behavior of characters from a 1950s romance novel) to evaluate the claims of three women that the play had promoted woman-to-woman battering. I immediately sent a script, a videotape and a note volunteering to meet with the concerned parties (an offer which still stands) to hear criticism and explain my position.

Imagine my shock when, just a few days later, I read a letter from WAC in the *SF Bay Times* (Oct. 21), which supported the women's claims that our

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play had promoted battering. WAC declined to judge the play pleading ignorance of its contents, suggesting that WAC chose to publicly link the production of the play to the promotion of battering before even reviewing the materials I had sent.

As a queer production with a predominantly female cast, they might have given us the benefit of the doubt and watched or read the play before publicizing such grave aspersions. Instead we were treated to assurances that in the future WAC would be more careful whom they accepted money from.

In a state of high dudgeon a reply was composed expressing our extreme dismay at the implication that we had promoted battering. Now WAC has responded with a letter claiming we perpetuated misogynistic myths when in fact we ridiculed misogynistic cliches. They claim my characterization of Laura as masochistic was victim-blaming. I certainly don't think masochists are to blame when they are the victims of domestic violence, does WAC? They insist humor is not a deterrent to violence since it "revictimizes" on a "personal and societal level." Certainly humor can "revictimize" but it can also dispel anger, a prime ingredient of violence.

Speaking out against battering is important, but I think WAC should question the efficacy of linking such speech with mean-spirited, ill-informed and poorly thought-out theater criticism. As for my (somewhat facetious) apology which so outraged WAC, they may consider it withdrawn.

Alvin Orloff
director, playwright, *Women in the Shadows*
San Francisco

Laugh a Little, Sisters

Patronizing, hmmm? Who is patronizing whom? I am referring to WAC's letter in the Oct. 21 issue of the *SF Bay Times* to the cast of *Women in the Shadows*.

As a former battered lesbian I would like to say, "Where is your sense of humor?" Every day I recall images of the years I took humiliation and physical abuse for granted. Yet my view of the world is not distorted by those times. I am able to distinguish the present from the past. I am dismayed by WAC's negative view of our production.

Speaking for myself—and I believe the cast and crew of *Women in the Shadows*—we were not apologizing to you or anyone else who did or did not see our play. Your condemnation of the play was nothing less than an act of censorship, concealed as an act of political correctness. Did any of your group see the show, or are you letting your view be determined by two dysfunctional women?

The production was a satirical social commentary based on a story originally written 30-some odd years ago by Ann Bannon, a famous lesbian novelist. Theater is based on life, perhaps in a surreal way but nevertheless life. It is a sad day for all when we close our eyes to history, for it will soon repeat itself.

So laugh a little, sisters, and try to remember that if we all agreed we would not be human.

Al Farmer, Jr. aka Laura Landon
San Francisco

Fevered Frenzy

Yes! Nan Parks and Susie Sexpert together at last! I haven't drooled so much over a column in years. I *love* Nan! She makes me feel like a predatory lesbian. I *want to convert* her. (C'mon, she's really a Riot Grrl, right?)

Before Nan, I used to just pick up the *SF Bay Times* sporadically. Now, I wait in a fevered frenzy for every single issue. I've started a "Nan Scrapbook" and am putting together a Nan Fan Club (it's for women with housewife fetishes).

"Straight Talk!" is the first thing I read. The second is all the hate mail she gets. If you knuckle under to all those unimaginative PC twits who can't handle free speech in a gay newspaper and cancel her, I'll *never* forgive you. If, on the other hand, you continue publishing her column and the maniacal ravings of those who dislike her, I'll giggle and chuckle my way over to the checkbook and write one out for a subscription.

Terry Miller
San Francisco

Just "Icky"

While I have no objection to straight folks writing for the community, I *do* object to Nan Parks! She is ignorant, and also just "icky."

I lived for a few years in Atlanta, which has a large gay population, and one of the weeklies there had a column written by a hetero guy, Mike Molloy. It was called, of course, "Straight Talk." However, the columns are worlds apart. Mr. Molloy's pieces were thoughtful, with true integrity. Nan Parks' things are verging on vapid.

With so many good straight writers out there, giving Ms. Parks this slot is irresponsible. Please reconsider your position.

Maui Porter
San Francisco

Like a Good Friend

As a former writer in New York and as a woman-loving woman here, I find Nan Parks' column is like having a good friend over to talk. For that reason I say, "Keep her in the paper!" (To hell with the hyperventilators.)

Jenna
San Francisco

P.S. The latest article with the response by Susie Bright was even more outrageous, great reading!

A Joke Too Far

Nan Parks is not real. I know that. You know that. Now let's confirm everyone's correct suspicions.

We all know that sometimes it's easy to take a practical joke too far. For better or worse, you've given all of us something to argue over and to become infuriated about. Point well taken, as I was wondering what in the hell we would all argue about after the "queer pride" debate was over.

This has gone beyond a pointed practical joke and has moved into abuse. It's bad enough we have to experience this sort of garbage everywhere else in our lives; why should we have to endure it from our own press? If "Nan Parks" were being published anywhere else there'd be a national boycott of that publication.

So let's get on with addressing real issues. Here is your "way out" of this. Time to 'fess up, face the music and let the chips fall where they may.

Again for all the readers: Nan Parks is not real. For the *SF Bay Times:* stop wasting space publishing this overwrought joke.

Patt Riese
San Francisco

Spoof, Spuph & Spew

I love Nan Parks and hope she will continue to have space in your paper—I love it! It's so entertaining. I don't care if she's a man, woman or goat; I look forward to hearing from Nan every two weeks.

I wish Nan were my sister instead of the extreme religious nut I've got for a sister—I'd rather have a plain old nutty sister like Nan, anyway!

Hey, keep Nan! You know, I must kinda sorta talk like Nan 'cause it's such easy reading.

To the extremely disgruntled, I say: This is such a small thing to be angry about and to boycott. Calm down and live a little longer. Sit back and enjoy the spoof, spuph and spew!

Gael Wind
Vulture Ridge, CA

Offensive Prank

This letter was also sent to the Bay Area Reporter *and the* Sentinel:

After weeks of being mad and annoyed by the Nan Parks column "Straight Talk!" in the *SF Bay Times*, I called and spoke to the editor of the paper, Kim, who told me that Nan does not exist—it is a prank. They do not yet know how or when they will publicly admit this.

I am incredibly pissed off. We have enough homophobia and hate directed at us each day by the "real" straight people, we don't need queer people creating fake straight people to annoy us even further.

Kim, you and your paper have betrayed us. This is abusive and is not at all funny. *Come clean and explain yourself.*

In addition to asking the *SF Bay Times* to admit this offensive prank, I am asking all us queers to stop supporting and reading this trashy paper.

Sylvia Weisenberg

Nan Parks replies: *Well, I must say I was a little hurt by the tone of this gal's letter, and anyway Kim gave it to me and asked if I wanted to respond to it, and I showed it to Doug, and Doug pointed out that it didn't make sense because if I WAS a parody, then anything intolerant that I might (inadvertently) say would not be intolerance but would be a PARODY of intolerance which would be considerably different wouldn't it? And further, I don't think I've ever seen a parody actually INTRODUCED by the words "This is a parody" or something like that which would sort of undermine the whole thing, and anyway I don't like to say mean things about people, because believe me I've had to let some of the letter writers' comments roll off my back and I know it's not a pleasant feeling to be criticized by people you don't even know, but I must say I thought this gal seemed JUST a little bit humorless, although she may well be a very fine person and I don't want make assumptions! So Doug told me not to worry about it and said that I was very real to him, which is the main thing isn't it!*

Great Set-Up

One of the reasons I prefer the *SF Bay Times* over the *Sentinel* and the *Bay Area Reporter* is that it's clearly an alternative to the predictable gay press reporting in the Bay Area. The Nan Parks/Susie Bright poo fight is something you'll never find in the tweedledum-tweedledee Siamese twin pinhead press.

For openers, Nan Parks validates all the preconceptions and assumptions I have about the consequences of never having to struggle or challenge one's sexual orientation so as to self-define it from the inside out. Her wondering in print about "what lesbians do" isn't so much provocative as it is a great set-up for someone like arch-preemptor Susie Bright to grandstand on how Nan and all the rest of us are light years behind in the latest theories and techniques.

Obviously, Susie's sense of humor is the element that transforms the sexual dialogue into something that is more than merely entertainment. And underlying the humor and over the top rhetoric is a very astute sexual politic put forth in an honest and feeling manner.

Now if only you had a similar columnist of the straight persuasion who could give us a similar spin.

Joe Kempkes
Oakland

Almost Worth Reading

The only reason I read "Straight Talk!" in the latest issue of the *SF Bay Times* was the mention of Susie Sexpert. I enjoyed Susie "Sexpert" Bright's response to Nan Parks' questions. Her words came across as witty and intelligent, in marked contrast to those of Ms. Parks. They almost made "Straight Talk!" worth reading.

Ms. Parks presents a "straight" point of view I am unfamiliar with. Then again, I choose to associate myself with intelligent individuals. While I admit that I do not like her column, I would not recommend its removal as some other readers have. To do so would be tantamount to treating her opinions to the same prejudices that the gay community constantly faces.

Perhaps it is the intent of the *SF Bay Times* to have someone of Ms. Parks' immaturity and naivete write a column so we can make fun of straight people. If that is the case I do not think it is very nice on the part of the *SF Bay Times*. Straight people cannot help being the way they are.

If Ms. Parks were given more guidance in choosing topics and required to enroll in a writing course, then perhaps her column would be readable. Until then I will most likely exercise my option to *not* read her column rather than advocate its removal. We should all be permitted to voice our opinions. But I think it would be nice that someone have some command of the English language before doing so.

Julie Ling
Vallejo

Pillow Pointers

Dear Nan Parks,

My partner and I just have oodles and bunches of thanks for you. Your last column was really top drawer. Thanks to you and Ms. S. Sexpert (is that her real name?), the two of us have proceeded to destroy every pillow in the house! It's quite scandalous but thank goodness for Macy's annual white sale.

If Lois and/or Ted want to come over to our place for some pillow pointers, please do be a dear and forward our address to them; they sound so fun.

Kisses,

Terry and Jan
Bodega Bay

P.S. Could you send us a picture of Carol? We think we know her.

Where Does the Money Go?

I am writing with regard to Don Baird's recent column (Oct. 21) about the Castro Street Fair and Mr. Rick Slick.

I am a performer, musician/actor, drag queen whatever—and I have performed at many street fairs, including the Castro. Some fairs are booked by public relations firms. I was hired by Terry Pimsleur and Associates to sing for the Union Street Fair a year and a half ago. I was treated with courtesy and respect, and they paid me very well for my efforts. But, Union Street is not my community and I don't feel indebted to it.

With the Castro Street Fair, of course, it is a different story.

It is my understanding that, except for the emcees,

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Canada's New Porn Wars:

"Little Sister" Gay/Lesbian Bookstore Battles Canadian Customs

by Tim Kingston

Canadian Customs authorities are in the middle of an undeclared war on Canadian gay/lesbian bookstores that import queer and homoerotic literature from the United States. In Canada you may have to wait six months for the latest issue of the *Advocate* to get through customs. You may never get a chance to read *Macho Sluts* by Pat Califia or David Leavitt's *A Place I Have Never Seen*—both have been detained or banned by Canadian Customs. And it's not just gay and lesbian literature that is seized: Marguerite Duras' latest novel was held back in September. Even the satirical works of Ambrose Bierce have been stopped at the border.

But Little Sisters Book and Art Emporium, a small gay/lesbian bookstore in Vancouver, is fighting back against the censorship. The store is suing the Canadian government, challenging the authority of Customs to seize allegedly obscene books at the border. The lawsuit, due in court next year, also charges Canadian Customs authorities with enforcing obscenity statutes in a homophobic and discriminatory manner.

"[Customs officials] are trying to silence an entire community's erotic imagery through sheer harassment at the border," says Jannine Fuller, manager of Little Sisters. Books having *anything* to do with the gay/lesbian/bisexual and transgendered communities are regularly seized by Customs—pornographic, erotic or not. What really seems to matter to Customs is what kind of bookstore the books go to. Shipments to gay/lesbian or women's bookstore get seized, while those destined for mainstream and corporate bookstores are rarely detained.

"You have customs officers with no legal training making these decisions," complained Toshiya Kuwabara of Censorstop, a Canadian anti-censorship group. "They are making decisions whether or not they will allow someone to read something. They are acting as judges, deciding if something is obscene and therefore admissible to Canada."

Little Sisters initially launched its counterattack three years ago in 1990. While the case has been consistently delayed by the Canadian Courts—the latest setback was on Sept. 28—Fuller remains confident of victory. "We are committed to bringing Canadian Customs to a place where it is accountable for its actions, in front of the specter of the Canadian public," she says. "This case will put Customs on trial."

Fuller believes the lawsuit, when it is tried, will highlight Canadian Customs' homophobic targeting of gay and lesbian material. She is optimistic about winning the case and, consequently, stopping the seizures of gay and lesbian materials. But she also hopes Canada's obscenity law will eventually be overturned. Currently Little Sisters is backed in its lawsuit by the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association (BCCLA) and other civil rights groups in Canada who argue the government is violating the bookstore's right to free expression and equality under Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

FIRST RESPONSE

The original Little Sisters lawsuit contained three main elements. First, it argued that Canada's obscenity law, on its face, was a violation of the Charter's right to free speech. Second, the suit alleged the seizures were a form of prior restraint, effectively banning materials before the courts can make a decision on the obscenity of the material. Finally, the suit charged that the law was being enforced in a discriminatory and homophobic fashion.

In 1992 the free speech challenge to the obscenity law was dropped from the suit, because of the Canadian Supreme Court's "Butler" decision which ruled freedom of speech does not extend to pornography. That decision was music to the ears of anti-porn author and activist Andrea Dworkin, who asserted "the Butler decision is probably the best articulation of how pornography, and what kinds of pornography, hurt the civil status and civil rights of women."

The Butler decision replaced a morality-based community-standards definition of obscenity, and substituted a regulation of pornography on its potential harm to women—based on Dworkin and Catharine MacKinnon's theory that pornography causes violence to women. If pornography harms women, they argue, obscenity legislation restricting pornography will protect women. (MacKinnon helped draft a legal brief instrumental in enacting the Butler ruling. She was not available for comment.)

Despite Butler, Joseph Arvay, a respected Canadian constitutional attorney handling the case for Little Sisters, says the remaining two elements of the case constitute a significant threat to the constitutionality of the obscenity law. He says the actions of Canadian Customs "amount to unconstitutional prior restraint that is counter to freedom of expression under our Charter of Rights."

"They are targeting gay and lesbian materials," says Arvay. "It is a question of being able to prove that." He adds, if the case is won, "It will not just have an impact for Little Sisters, or British Columbia, it will mean the law is invalid across the country."

Photo Detail by Mark I. Chester

CROWN SHENANIGANS AND LEGAL SETBACKS

The Little Sisters lawsuit suffered a major setback on Sept. 28, 1993, when the case was adjourned for an indefinite period. Crown (Canadian government) attorneys successfully requested the delay. Now the case will probably not be tried until the spring or fall of 1994. But, during that time, Canadian Customs will be free to continue seizing gay and lesbian literature and materials.

Fuller charges, "It is nothing but harassment to have the case canceled. It is a way to make it impossible to continue these challenges." The adjournment has cost Little Sisters $30,000 in plane fares and other expenses that have had to be reimbursed to witnesses who had been scheduled to appear at the trial.

The case has been put off twice since 1990, due to the Crown's legal maneuvers. Each time it was about to come to trial, Crown attorneys successful made last-ditch efforts to delay. Crown attorneys tried to have the case dismissed even before it was first filed.

"JUDGES AT THE BORDER"

"[Canadian Customs] are openly and consistently homophobic," says Lawrence Boyle, owner and manager of L'Androgyne, a Montreal gay/lesbian bookstore. "Their goal is to wipe out the presence of gay and lesbian books from Canada. It is easily done because the books are often from the U.S. and most are from small presses." Boyle added sarcastically, "Canadian customs claims they don't ban books by going through boxes [of deliveries], they do it by title. So you can only ask, 'Gee, What caused them to pull it out of the order?' "

Don LaBelle, senior communications advisor for Canadian Customs, flatly denies the accusation. "We do not discriminate against lesbian and gay book stores, or the manner they come in." Labelle asserts that Customs officials' application of obscenity guidelines is fair and consistent across the board. Harry Wruck, lead counsel for the Crown, declined comment, due to the case currently being in litigation.

Books by John Preston, John Rechy, Susie Bright and Tee Corrine have all been detained or banned by Customs (see sidebar). Titles such as *Gay Ideas*, *The Lesbian and Gay Studies Reader*, *FAGRAG*, *A Taste of Latex*, *Hothead Paisan* and even *Return to Lesbos*—published in 1962—have been held up. Customs officers even seized a whimsical Christmas edition of *On Our Backs* in which a woman was all tied up in Christmas decorations. Canadian Customs called it bondage!

Yet *Hustler* does not get banned in Canada. Neither does *Playboy*, *Penthouse* or other straight erotic magazines. Even commercial porn videos are safe from seizure, because they are for commercial, not private use and are regulated by another arm of the government.

Inland Books—a New York-based small-press book distribution company, and the largest U.S. exporter of lesbian/gay literature to Canada—has had 73 percent of its total 1993 shipments to Canada detained. "Once they discovered we were a primary source for this material, we became a primary target," says Dennis Mahoney, Inland's customer service manager.

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The prohibition of anal penetration means a substantial percentage of gay male erotica is *by definition* prohibited. There is no such prohibition on vaginal penetration. The ban on depictions of anal penetration is, however, not consistent. Jannine Fuller says the *Joy of Gay Sex* was banned at first, but the heterosexual *Joy of Sex* was not. Yet, Fuller says there are more depictions of anal intercourse in the straight version of the book than in the gay. Is anal penetration only acceptable when differently gendered people do it?

Canadian customs also specifically restricts any materials referring to bondage and S/M. There is even a specific ban on depictions of spanking! But again, it is gay/lesbian S/M that gets harassed. While *Bad Attitude*, a lesbian S/M magazine gets banned, Madonna's *Sex* (the book) is sold throughout Canada.

John Preston says protection from harassment depends on clout. Preston edited two "provocative and unreserved" anthologies of erotica for Penguin Books. He wrote in the *Boston Phoenix*, "Do you think Canadian Customs has stopped importation of those books? Of course not. For one thing it would inconvenience a huge multinational corporation that would quickly respond." Little Sisters, Glad Day and other gay, women's and alternative bookstores get nailed.

Sex writer Pat Califia, who was scheduled to be a witness for Little Sisters before the case was adjourned, says Canadian Customs is engaged in deliberate policy to drive gay and lesbian bookstores out of business. "What they do is, they started seizing books in October or November. They release them in February. As any bookstore owner will tell you, that is when they make all their money for the year." The shelves of two of the larger gay/lesbian bookstores in Canada were virtually bare during the critical Christmas season. Coincidence?

THE BUTLER RULING: FIGLEAF OR FEMINIST? REVISITING THE PORN WARS

The 1992 Butler decision instigated a retooling of Canada's obscenity law. The decision was a serious setback to the Little Sisters lawsuit, because it upheld the obscenity law. Butler states, "If true equality between male and female is to be achieved, we cannot ignore the threat to equality resulting from exposure to audiences of certain types of violent and degrading materials."

Depending on where you stand in the pornography debate, the Butler ruling was either an essential modernization of legislation to take account of the harm that pornography does to women, or a sneaky way to broaden the repressive powers of the state apparatus under color of feminism.

"Censors are always delighted to get a liberal rationale for doing their dirty work," snapped Pat Califia. "The Butler decision says [to Canadian Customs] you are not prudes. You are white knights defending womanhood and preventing battery and rape." Califia and other critics charge Butler simply allows the state to suppress discussions and depictions of sexuality not popular with the authorities—like queer sexuality.

"They do this without fail," complained Danny Cockerline, a gay activist in Toronto. "They make some revisions of laws that are supposed to be used to protect women and children, then they use it to attack the gay community."

Andrea Dworkin and the Woman's Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF)—the group that submitted MacKinnon's brief to the Canadian Supreme Court—deny gays and lesbians risk state repression as a result of Butler. Dworkin instead asserts the ruling protects both heterosexual women and lesbians from harm. Canada has written an obscenity law with "a gender equality provision" different from any other obscenity statute in the world, says Dworkin. "Most obscenity laws are based on a hatred of women's bodies and homophobia; the Canadian law is very different." She asserts, "[Butler] includes the concept of harm to women as part of the obscenity standard... It says, essentially, that the Canadian community does not accept harm to women as a public standard."

Dworkin asserts pornography is a system and practice—somewhere between speech and action—that exploits women, children and sometimes men. "It is a parasitic system that uses women's bodies as a commodity to create profit for pimps, not publishers." Dworkin argues pornography plays a direct role in inciting and inspiring violence against women. She also contends that pornography lowers the civil status of women by its very existence, and use, by men. Because of images in pornography that degrade and dehumanize women, her theory asserts men who use pornography develop "bigotry against women, aggression against women [and a] dehumanization of women."

The Butler decision is legally important because it elevates discussion of pornography from the realm of a dispute over free speech, to a dispute between free speech and women's civil rights, says Kathleen Mahoney, a law professor at the University of Calgary who worked with LEAF on the Butler case. Mahoney's logic is, if pornography harms women it can be defined as hate speech. If pornography is hate speech, it can be prosecuted in Canada under equal rights statutes, which can override free speech rights—if that is deemed to be in society's interest.

Mahoney says under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, unlike in the U.S., different rights can be pitted against one another. Thus, she says, "There are two constitutional rights here competing with one another and the government, more than being the bad guy...becomes a mediator between two competing rights, and two competing groups that want rights." In this analysis, Mahoney identifies those two competing groups and rights as the civil rights of women vs. the free speech rights of porn consumers—presumed to be men. And who loses under Butler? Porn consumers.

POWER AND PREJUDICE

"The problem with Butler is the problem with any government restriction on speech," says Randy Hecht, director of Feminists for Free Expression. "What happens is that once the government has control over what people may or may not say, the government interpretation becomes the one by which we must all live."

Hecht points out that the central reason the U.S. First Amendment exists is to protect *unpopular* speech, not the ideas everyone agrees with. Hecht warns that as soon as *any* restrictions are made to the First Amendment, the whole concept falls apart. "Dismantling the First Amendment is far more dangerous to women than anything else I can think of," she says. "Any progress that women have made in history has been made because they were permitted to speak out at a time when those ideas were not popular."

Aside from the free speech problems, critics assert Dworkin's theory is simply wrong. "[Dworkin] is not accurate when she says that causality can be corroborated," says Barbara Dority, director of the Washington Coalition Against Censorship. Dority charges that Dworkin's proof that pornography hurts women is based on anecdotal evidence and manipulated social science studies.

Dority says even the Meese Commission, which was packed with right-wingers and anti-porn activists, could not ultimately establish a link between pornography and harm to women. Dority says, "What the Meese Commission said was that although they could not prove it, [they] still believed it was there." Quoting the Commission directly from page 951, Dority read, "While [the] results offer some coorelational evidence, again, they do not support any causal link between readership of such men's magazines and sexually aggressive behavior."

If there really is such a link between pornography and violence against women, asks Dority, why are the rates of violent crime against women not stupendously high in Sweden, the Netherlands and other Scandinavian countries where all forms of pornography are readily available? Dority asserts blaming pornography for violence against women is a simplistic "quick

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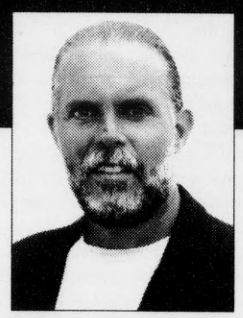

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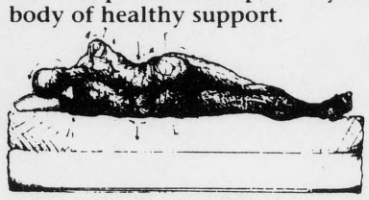

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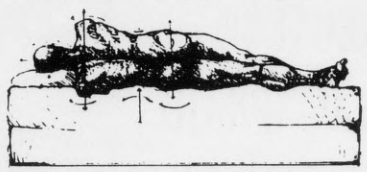

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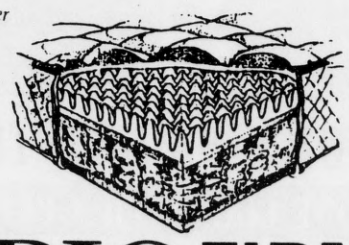

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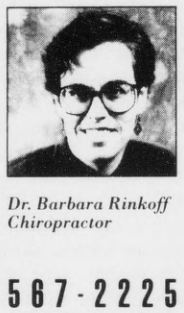

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fix'' solution: ''We have worked for years for equal rights for women; it is a long arduous process. [Dworkin and co.] have seized upon this notion that if we can eliminate material by which they are personally offended...then violence against women will cease...It is ridiculous!''

''Words do not harm women,'' stresses Randy Hecht. ''Actions create harm to women. There are men who respond to certain stimuli on the basis of peculiarities within their personalities. That is not a reflection on the material they were viewing or reading.'' Hecht points out that Charles Manson got his inspiration for the Sharon Tate murders from the Bible: ''I don't hear MacKinnon, Dworkin or anyone else arguing the Bible should be banned. It would be foolish to take such a position. Neither the Bible, nor *Playboy*, nor *Huck Finn* causes people to be racist or violent or murderers.''

QUEERS: BUTLER'S PRIME TARGET?

What do Andrea Dworkin and the Butler decision have to do with the Little Sisters case? An awful lot. The very first successful obscenity case prosecuted by the Crown authorities after the Butler ruling was not against some violent and degrading heterosexual pornography. The first prosecution was against Glad Day, a gay/lesbian bookstore in Toronto, for selling *Bad Attitude*, an S/M magazine for dykes!

Adding insult to injury—while also making the homophobia of the authorities more apparent—a mainstream bookstore nearby stocking *Bad Attitude* was not touched by the authorities.

Even though *Bad Attitude* is a magazine run by and for S/M lesbians, the judge found it obscene and capable of causing harm to women. Through a unique twist of analogy and logic, the judge ruled if one of the women in a *Bad Attitude* domination fantasy was replaced by a man, then the story would obviously be harmful and degrading to women. ''The fact that the aggressor is a female is irrelevant,'' wrote the judge.

Due to the *Bad Attitude* case and other seizures and crackdowns by the authorities, gay/lesbian activists, free speech advocates and civil libertarians contend the Butler decision is being used to attack the gay, lesbian and S/M communities. Mary Teresa Devlin, a staff attorney with LEAF, is sympathetic to that worry, but argues the law is not the problem. ''We understand that sentiment and we disagree. That is not to say there is no backlash [against gays and lesbians], but we feel Butler has been misinterpreted by the courts and customs.''

DWORKIN VS. LESBIAN, GAY AND S/M COMMUNITIES

Dworkin sees the *Bad Attitude* case quite differently from both Devlin and the gay activists. While Dworkin asserts she opposes homophobic interpretations of the Canadian obscenity law, and says she opposes morality-based obscenity laws in general, she is not exactly a fan of sexually explicit queer literature.

''Lesbian porn is an expression of self hatred,'' asserts Dworkin. ''When it is trafficked in the world, it becomes a social reality, and the hatred that it spreads then is not longer a hatred only of self, but becomes a hatred of the group.'' Dworkin even hinted—without offering any evidence—that a link may exist between lesbian pornography and lesbian domestic battery.

Dworkin has little sympathy or understanding for the lesbian S/M world of *Bad Attitude*. She said she did not know what the term ''safe, sane and consensual'' meant when used by *Bad Attitude* editor Jasmine Sterling. Dworkin also asserted that S/M is not something ''associated in particular'' with lesbians, because it is ''based on a deep and sexualized hatred of women.'' Gay male S/M is dismissed as an ultimately conformist mimicking of the status quo.

Other gay male pornography is not much better in Dworkin's view: ''What you see in gay male pornography is consistent sexualization of hierarchies of power.'' Dworkin views sexually explicit material for gay men as being as bad as lesbian pornography, because she says pornography of any sort—whether or not women are present—eroticizes hierarchy and dominance and submission. Again she asserts such fantasies only serve to support the status quo, which ultimately harms women.

For Dworkin, the transgendered are victims of pornography, pure and simple. Bisexuals receive nary a mention in her universe (perhaps they should be grateful?).

When it comes right down to it, *ALL* pornography is wrong in Dworkin's book. Thus, if stopping pornography means suppressing free expression of gay and lesbian sexuality—that is a worthwhile price to be paid in the battle to protect women from pornography's exploitation and violence. ''The gay and lesbian community has to understand that pornography hurts women as a class,'' says Dworkin. She charges anyone who opposes her efforts to ban pornography with protecting those who create inequality for women. ''The gay and lesbian community is as reactionary and rearguard and as women-hating as any other community when it insists on trafficking in those materials.''

Dworkin does acknowledge not all gays and lesbians agree with her. But, she says, lesbians who make common cause with gay men in opposing her analyses of pornography are few in number. Dworkin also accuses such lesbians of having ''their own agenda that is not necessarily the same as the agenda of lesbians who care about lesbians and lesbian rights.'' Dworkin does not leave much room for respectful disagreements.

''The gay and lesbian community has got to wake up and smell the coffee here'' says Dworkin. ''If they traffic in those [pornographic] materials, they are responsible for the harm those materials cause. In my view they need to be held legally accountable.''

Dworkin's numerous critics say it is but a hop, skip and a jump from her statements to the approval of raids, nationwide book-bannings and book-burnings of material deemed pornographic. Pat Califia charges Dworkin is ''advocating that the agents of the state go after women she disagrees with.''

WITH FRIENDS LIKE DWORKIN...

Where Dworkin sees Canada as the brave new world of feminist legislation and theory, Califia sees a 1984 nightmare scenario of sexual repression specifically targeting the queer community. ''Andrea Dworkin has done more damage to women's culture in her tenure as darling of the media than anyone who is a leader of the right wing,'' seethed Califia. ''She is morally responsible for what is happening to women's literature in Canada.''

Califia says gays, lesbians, bisexuals and the S/M community in the United United should be concerned about the Little Sisters because the rationale for the Canadian obscenity law comes from the American anti-porn movement. She says, ''There is an excellent possibility that in two years or ten years American law will look more like Canadian law today.'' If Little Sisters loses their case, Califia fears anti-pornography legislation in this country could wind up targeting *On Our Backs* and *Drummer* magazine.

The second reason to be worried, especially for gay men and lesbians, says Califia, ''is there is a common cause between us all over the world. When aspects of our culture cannot circulate around national boundaries, we end up fragmented and isolated.'' On an artistic level too, there is a price to be paid by American producers of literature for Canadian censorship. If books are seized in Canada it makes it harder for artists to make a living, and Califia says it makes her feel like a criminal: ''It is always in the back of my mind that this [work] will be banned.''

More than anything else, an exasperated Califia says, ''I just want their goddam sensible shoes off the back of my neck!''

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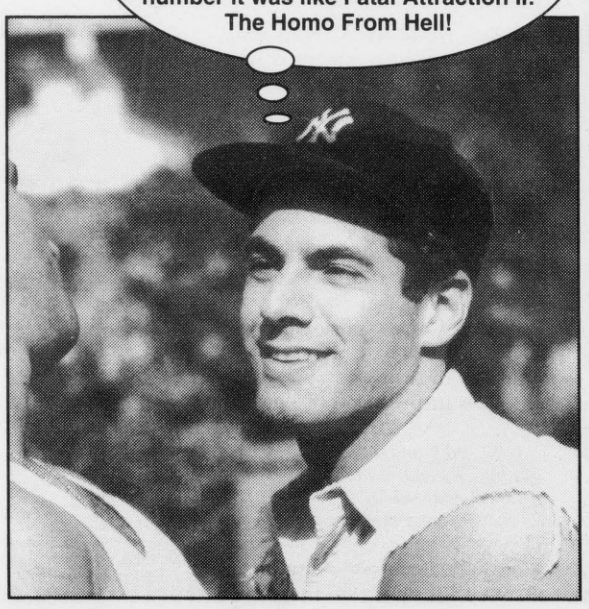
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Gay Rights Go Down in Flames Nationwide

by Tim Kingston

"We got screwed bigtime," lamented David Smith, communications director of the National Gay Lesbian Task Force after gay rights initiatives were shot down by huge margins in Ohio, Maine and New Hampshire on Nov. 2. He said, "It reinforces what we have known for some time, that the special rights marketing ploy of the religious right is resonating...with middle ground voters."

In Cincinnati, Ohio, voters passed a measure by a 61 to 31 percent margin that threw out the city's anti-discrimination law. That measure also forbid city council members from enacting gay civil rights protections in the future. Lewiston, Maine, voted 70 to 30 percent to dump the city's ordinance banning sexual orientation discrimination. In Portsmouth, New Hampshire, a non-binding referendum on public support for a local law banning sexual orientation discrimination was decisively defeated by a 3-to-2 margin.

"The right again was more successful in their campaign of lies and divisions than we were...[in] delivering a message about our civil rights struggle," said Peri Jude Radecic, executive director of the NGLTF. In Cincinnati, right wing forces outspent gay rights activists 4-to-1 on radio time, and 2-to-1 on TV airtime. Radecic said the Ohio gay rights effort had hundreds of volunteers and a well organized campaign, but rightwingers successfully mobilized around the no-special-rights slogan, particularly in the African American community.

"We did not just learn this in Cincinnati; one of the things we will change about the 'Fight The Right' campaign is we will focus on racism in our community, and build alliances and coalitions," said Radecic. "If that work is not done we will continue to lose."

Barbara Arnwine, executive director of the National Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights, says the religious right appeals to a "certain interpretation" of the Bible in an often highly religious African American community. The right also appeals to African Americans' resentment against other groups "trying to get the same rights they have," says Arnwine. The way to defeat that strategy, she says, is to mount an aggressive education campaign among African Americans.

In Lewiston, a depressed Janet Welch, financial director of Equal Protection Lewiston, says pro-gay forces took the high road, but homophobes successfully dragged out the traditional scare tactics. "They played on homophobic fears: gays teaching children, pedophilia, [gay] affirmative action," she said, despite the fact the proposed ordinance said nothing about affirmative action. It would have merely outlawed discrimination in housing, employment, public accommodation and credit.

Welch strongly suspects that group—"Citizens of Lewiston to Repeal Special Homosexual Rights" (subtle name, that)—had outside help from the American Family Institute in Washington D.C. Last minute literature drops entitled "Sexual Disorientation" abruptly appeared. And somehow the group was suddenly able to afford a TV blitz in the last days of the campaign, when it allegedly only had a $5,000 budget.

Welch was particularly disappointed by the result because she grew up in Lewiston, a blue collar Roman Catholic, Franco-American town, where Franco-Americans suffer ridicule and discrimination. "[We] are referred to as 'Frogs' here—and Catholics have experienced discrimination. It surprised me they could not identify the fact this was discrimination, and that people do not deserve to be discriminated against because of what happens in the privacy of their homes."

Asked what happened in Portsmouth, NGLTF organizer Sue Hyde swore vehemently, then opted for a more civilized response. She said despite only having two months to organize, the pro-gay forces managed to grab 40 percent of the vote, in an election where only 28 percent of the voters went to the polls. "The folks in Portsmouth were disappointed but not devastated, because they knew they had done alot of work in a very short time," said Hyde.

Hyde believes the Portsmouth anti-gay forces were homegrown and had little assistance from national right wing campaigns. The anti-gay organizers argued rights should not be granted to "sexually oriented" people, in what Hyde suspects was a veiled attempt to use the language of anti-porn groups to malign gay and lesbians as a pornographic subgroup—i.e. sex videos are called "sexually oriented" material. Hyde believes one word can explain the vote in Portsmouth: "Fear." She argues there is a backlash against any and all civil rights that is fueled in part by economic instability and the continuing depression. Hyde says, "When people go to the polls they react in the only way the can, which is to beat up on the next guy. In this case, it is gay people."

Hyde suspects that resentment is directed against all minority groups, but gays are the only ones still truly on the outside, who can still be shut out. Illustrating that sentiment, Mike Russell, the Christian Coalition's communications director, says, "People are overwhelmingly opposed to efforts to carve out special rights...based on nothing more than sexual orientation. That is something that flies in the face of what are identifiably traditional values and constitutional rights."

That is just what NGLTF is afraid of: "These three losses should serve as a wake-up call to every gay, lesbian and bisexual person and organization that we must do more," said NGLTF director Radecic. "We can take no community for granted."

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Bring Out Your Dead: ACT UP Haunts Gov. Wilson in Sacto

by Tim Kingston

"I can't believe they hit him one more time.... We can't even take his ashes to the steps of *our* Capitol!" Rebecca Hensler snapped incredulously when a box containing the ashes of AIDS activist Colin Blakeney got bashed by a state trooper's billyclub on Oct. 30. Hensler laughed through her tears that Blakeney seemed to be able to attract the unwelcome attention of police batons, even as he is: dead and cremated.

The State Capitol was most definitely not open to protesting visitors that day, when almost 100 AIDS activists from around the state appeared in Sacramento to protest Gov. Wilson's miserable record on AIDS and needle-exchange legislation.

The ACT UP "Bring Out Your Dead" event was more than just a political protest. It was a public grieving that granted solemn emotional force to the past decade's devastation. It went far beyond simple chants and loud rage. Instead of political white noise, there was a silence in which sneaker-clad footsteps could be heard—broken only by mournful drumbeats and the eerie howl of air horns, sounding like the screams of angry, anguished souls.

The hundred-strong funeral procession moved slowly up the Sacramento Mall to the State Capitol, accompanied by a Sacramento police department escort of motorcycles. (The SPD's officers' respectful attitude was in marked contrast to the actions of the state police.) The procession was led by two AIDS activists bearing the ashes of Blakeney and Denman to be delivered to Gov. Wilson at the State Capitol.

ACT UP organizers planned the event as a peaceful political funeral to protest Gov. Wilson's record. But the peaceful march became something quite different when the activists were confronted by a solid line of state troopers, determined to prevent the activists from getting anywhere near the Capitol. When a few marchers tried to slowly move forward, billyclubs rained down.

Blakeney's ashes, and those of AIDS activist Everett Denman, were eventually scattered on the grass and over the boots of a row of state troopers in front of the Capitol. "I am here for Everett," said Evan Deerfield, who scattered Denman's ashes. "Part of him belongs here. He fought a lot of battles in this town. This is his last battle."

The confrontation with state troopers marked an abrupt switch in tone from what had been a solemn, peaceful and powerful funeral procession to the Capitol which was organized by ACT UP chapters statewide. "It is, in part, grieving and, in part, to express our outrage over the senselessness of death in this volume," explained one of the protest organizers Ed Zold, prior to the violence.

Although Zold says the action was designed to eulogize and make real the deaths of those cut down by AIDS, Zold also stressed it was equally important to point the finger at Gov. Wilson for his murderous record on AIDS. Not only did Zold take a swipe at Wilson for flat-funding AIDS programs despite an ever-growing statewide epidemic, he also castigated Wilson's veto of needle exchange legislation. Zold's pet peeve, however, is the governor's raid on local municipal tax revenues that leaves "cities and local governments unable to cope with meeting the most basic needs of the public."

But Wilson was not there to hear ACT UP's demands or criticisms. Only office workers, the media and state troopers jealously protecting their Capitol turf, heard the pleas. "It was an overreaction when you had 15 state police in riot gear—six on horses—for some angry, silent people grieving their losses," said Life AIDS Lobbyist Robert Rios. "It was a demonstration of brute force that was unwarranted and unecessary—and typical."

Lt. Glen Glaser said, "It was not out of hand." Lt. Glaser, in charge of the state police guarding the Capitol, denied the officers guarding the Capitol used too much force. "There was not one arrest. A few tried to cross our lines and we did not let 'em."

Glaser added that ACT UP had refused to cooperate or obtain a permit for the march. "We tried to work with the group and they refused." Matt Sharpe of ACT UP/Golden Gate, however, argued there is a First Amendment right to demonstrate in the Constitution that says nothing about march permits.

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The political funeral procession was led by two coffins, one adult-sized, and one for a child. The child's coffin was inscribed with the words "Babies Dead of AIDS." Both were escorted by a Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence honor guard. Some marchers carried round black wreaths while others held up up poster placards with the names, ages and death dates of AIDS activists felled by the epidemic: Jesse Dobson and Andy Zysman just this month; the rightfully bitter and ever-bitchy Michael Wright over a year ago; and Terry Sutton, one of the first to be lost from ACT UP.

Photo by Rick Gerharter

One Sacramento resident, Marie Villafana, watched the procession with grim satisfaction. "This is really moving and intense. I am glad people are finally drawing attention to the fact that huge numbers of people are dying."

Other bystanders on their lunch break stood frozen on the sidewalk staring silently. Conversation in restaurants faltered. No one pointed at the Sisters; for once there was no homophobic giggling or whispering behind hands.

It is difficult not to be somewhat gloomy, when your friends start dying off. As one "Sister in Training" who has lost 150 friends over the past years, said, "It is horrible when you can't keep friends because they die, not because you have bad manners."

For many protesters, the motivation for being in Sacramento was as personal as it was political. The procession began with a spoken litany of names of those who are dead. But almost everyone faltered after a few names, just saying "and so many others."

Hensler morosely pointed out, "Our numbers as a movement are lessening not just from exhaustion, but from death. We could easily add another hundred to this demo if we could bring them back to life!"

Marcia Rose, a nurse and mother from Fairfax, came to Sacramento for her daughter and son-in-law who died of AIDS—and all the others she has taken care of over the past ten years.

"I see it as political action, a way to structure my rage," said Rose, who also came to chastise Gov. Wilson's veto of needle exchange. "My daughter and her friends needed needle exchange. The veto was terrible. I half expected it, [but] it feels like a way to have all these young people just killed."

G'Dali Braverman of ACT UP/Golden Gate argued that even though painful, such funeral processions "remind us we have to take our losses to the general public and government—those that are responsible through their silence... We have to be focused on those who have responsibility as elected officials." Braverman says such protests remind elected officials that "we are their constituency. They must not make decisions about public health on the basis of political expediency and corporate interest. If they want to know about public perceptions, just look into our eyes."

In the midst of the procession route Virg Parks of ACT UP/GG looked around saying, "I'm surprised at how much this feels like a memorial." She paused and added, "I guess it is." ✿

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Felony Charges Possible for Sept. 19 Sheldon Protest

by Tim Kingston

Both the San Francisco Police Department and the District Attorney's Office are considering pressing charges against demonstrators who showed up at Hamilton Square Baptist Church to give Rev. Lou Sheldon a piece of their mind on Sept. 19.

Terry Jackson of the DA's office said the case is under investigation, but she declined to confirm whether or not charges will be filed. Inspector Robert O'Sullivan reviewed videotapes of the protest provided by the Church to the SFPD and concluded, "There were [clear] violations of the criminal code: vandalism, trespass, disruption of an ongoing church service and attempts to break into the church by a large group of people."

The investigation appears to have been prompted by 15 or 20 complaints from those who attended Sheldon's speech. Pastor David Innes of Hamilton Square Baptist Church has also issued a barrage of press releases about the incident that have been picked up by the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN).

Lee Wildes, the only individual arrested on Sept. 19, charges Sheldon's appearance was a deliberate—and apparently successful—attempt to provoke the San Francisco queer community. "This is step one in a Colorado-style attack on our civil rights." Wildes asserts that Sheldon's appearance "was in no way, shape or form a church service. That was a political rally."

The irony of the situation is that, at the time, the protest seemed pretty run-of-the-mill and not particularly outrageous. Rev. Lou Sheldon showed up in San Francisco to debate at an Americans United for the Separation of Church and State convention, then crossed the street to Hamilton Square Baptist. Activists got wind of the plan and about 75 showed up to yell and scream at Sheldon. They ran the gay flag up the church flag pole, got into some shoving matches with those trying to get in to see Sheldon and one arrest was made. Then everyone went home. End of story, right?

Wrong. The protest has become something of a cause celebre for the christian right. CBN has aired at least two stories on the incident, with the church portrayed as being under attack by raging homosexual rioters. Both the Board of Supervisors and SFPD are portrayed as hopelessly intimidated by the homosexual lobby. The first story even featured the infamous Capt. Richard Cairns of the Oct. 6 Castro-Street-Sweep fame declaring, "I've never seen [a demonstration] where there was this much violence and... animosity towards a church."

Rev. Innes charges that the SFPD refused to enforce the law that night. Innes says he has received threats his church will be firebombed, and he says demonstrators "trashed a bench and walked away talking about interior decorating. They bust one of the door jams, pulled a number off the building...and desecrated the christian flag."

One gay activist who got into the Church did agree that the civil rights of those attending Sheldon's speech had been violated by those trying to prevent people getting inside. But that activist also said Sheldon and the other preachers inside manipulated the scene to their advantage, by frightening the audience and arguing that the protesters outside would physically abuse and attack those who attended his speech. "These are opportunistic evil pernicious men," says Marge Covino of Project Tocsin. "They know how to suck money out of these people. You say faggot and their pockets empty out."

Robert Bray, of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, says what is missing from Pastor Innes' analysis is the wider context of the radical right's attacks on the gay community and the way in which the christian right manipulates events for their propaganda value.

"We need to protest," says Bray, "but we also need to organize against the religious right, which means broadbased coalition building." That means hard work and grassroots campaigning with other affected communities, not just showing up at demonstrations and then going home.

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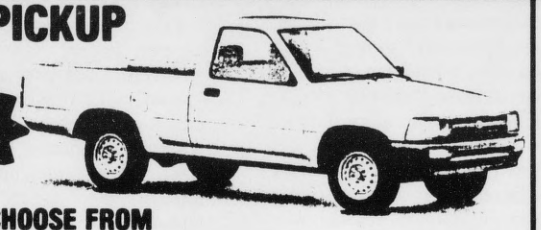
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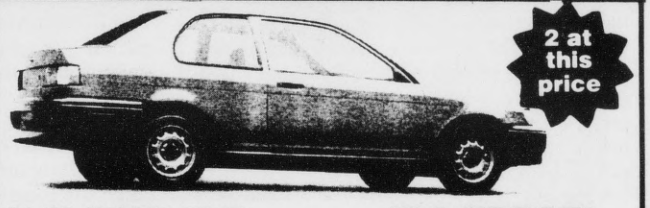
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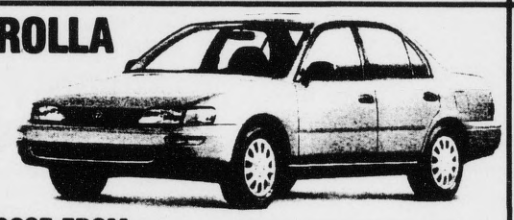
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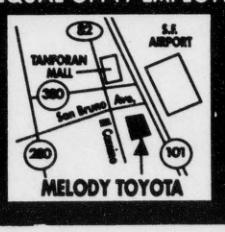

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Say It Loud: Chic and Proud

by SusieDay

Dear Diary:

What's wrong with me? I feel like I don't exist. I mean, lesbians complain about being invisible in the mainstream—why don't they try seeing *each other* for a change?

It's like this, dear diary. A couple of days ago, I gathered up my courage and asked Babette, this woman I'm attracted to, for a date tonight. To my amazement, she said, "Fine. Call me." So I ran to the Gap and bought this cool $150 outfit I'm now wearing, then I left a hopeful message on her machine: "Hey, are we still on for Saturday? I hear there's a groovy performance artist who's into Freud. She's doing a piece on lesbian safer sex called *Condom Envy.* Want to go?" Maybe I seemed too cutting-edge. Because now the 11 o'clock news is starting and she still hasn't called back.

At least I give myself credit for trying. Even if I'm a failure as a lesbian, I still have a BFA in art history and good personal hygiene.

Dear Diary,

Today, as I woke up to the sounds of the phone not ringing and the straight couple in the next apartment enjoying simultaneous orgasms, I began to think of all the romantic failures in my life: *Mimi* left me for some guy in the Iron John Movement; *Kiki,* 2½ years into our friendship, announced she was still in love with her ex; *Frou-frou* showed up at our one and only date with five people I'd never seen before; and now, *Babette*—to love her was to lose her. Then, when I tried to call my therapist at home, her hubby told me they were having their "quiet time" and couldn't be disturbed.

"REJECTION! EVERYWHERE REJECTION!" I screamed. "WHAT KIND OF LIFE IS THIS?" Luckily, I was still wearing my $150 Gap outfit, so I dashed disconsolately outside to find out.

The next thing I know, I'm standing on a guardrail overlooking the East River. But just as I'm about to jump, along comes this roving reporter for *Newsbite Magazine.* He asks if he can take my picture.

Me: What for?

Him: Love your outfit, kid. You're a lesbian, right?

Me: Yes. What's it to you?

Him: About 1,200 bucks, if I can get this story in on time. I gotta eat, ya know, and lesbians make mighty tasty reading these days. (He starts snapping my picture, "click-click.")

Me: Don't you see I'm about to commit suicide, you big jerk?

Him: Who cares? Ya *got* somethin', kid. ("click-click-click") Ya got that middle class, ("click") college-educated, I'm-just-like-you-are-but-with-this-nauseating-little-difference kinda look. We call it "chic." ("click-click") "*Lesbian* chic." Money can't buy it. ("click") Now, what about an action shot? C'mon, honey, look proud. Raise your little fist."

I didn't jump, dear diary. And he made his deadline. Maybe that's been my trouble all along—I've been too chic. All the other lesbians must have been jealous.

Diary Dearest:

I feel so warm and runny inside! Ever since I was on the cover of *Newsbite* the other day, lesbians all over the tri-state area have been lining up to throw themselves into the East River! I'm also pleased to report that Mimi, Kiki, Frou-frou *and* Babette have all been phoning me like mad. Naturally, I'm not returning any of their calls.

Finally, I'm visible! I feel really human for the first time in my life. And I owe it all to the mainstream. Say it loud: Chic and Proud!

Darlingest Diary:

Guess what? I'm going to be on the cover of *Mirabella,* shaving Janet Reno! Isn't that exciting? And Richard Avedon wants to do a sexually explicit photomontage of me in the shower. I pick up some soap, then lather a battalion of women fighter pilots! I even thought of the title myself: "She Schtups to Conquer." Oh, diary, I never thought I could be so happy!

Well, I'd better practice my speech. Tomorrow night, I'm going to be on a panel of chic lesbians, talking about—go on, guess again—*lesbian chic.* At last! I'll be with other women who are like me—who understand.

OOOH LOOK! A shooting star! You know what they say, dear diary—every time a star falls, another lesbian gets an NEA grant.

Dear Diary:

I don't understand why everybody's mad at me. What I said on the panel made perfect sense. I mean, everything was going smoothly, right? My chic sisters and I were discussing *au moderne* topics with radical verve, and all. Then this dreary

lesbian political androgyne in overalls and a flannel shirt gets up and asks why we weren't addressing really *important* social-change issues. "Like me, for instance," she says. "I'm working class. I lost my kids in a custody battle last week, and nobody's done a thing to help me. How come?" So I say, "Because you lack lesbian chic. Have you ever thought of hiring an ad agency?"

It's self-empowerment for the '90s, dear diary. I mean, what's wrong with learning how to market your tragedies? Say you've got 15 homeless lesbians, some of them with STDs, turning tricks, getting beaten up by cops, and generally living on the margins of society. Don't you think—I said to the audience—that people would see the humanity of these women much more easily if you made them part of a, say, jeans commercial? You know, like, take a full-color, delicately angled photo of them in a filth-strewn shelter, all gathered around as one of them is dying? Set the whole thing up wordlessly to say, "*Regardez* the pain of lesbo loss. Fashions this year will resemble the tattered, terrified, *I'm-Human-Too* look. Silence = Death; Visibility = Chic; Jordache = Sex." Just then, this huge leather dyke hit me in the mouth with her vibrator.

But you can't kill the spirit, dear diary. None of those lesbians can accuse me of not doing my bit for social change! I've got this deal with Benetton—if my mammogram results turn out bad, they take a consciousness-raising picture of me in the operating room, and I get a free sweater.

What these women don't realize, dear diary, is that our economy cares. Not only am I getting a sweater. I'm also getting $4,500 and a vibrator in an out-of-court settlement with that leather dyke. Oh well. Their loss is my gain.

Dear Diary:

Bummer, you know? The week after my picture was on the front of *Newsbite,* they run a cover story on Rush Limbaugh! Benetton isn't returning my calls, either, and I get my mammogram results tomorrow.

But as long as I know who I am, I don't have to go back to the East River. I mean, I really think I've been chosen to say to the world, "Look. See Lesbians. See us in our houses; see us in our new clothes; see us at the office. We're not the targets. We're not the foreigners, the drug dealers. Don't murder us. Murder them. And thanks for shopping at the Gap."

Isn't it amazing, dear diary, that with all my societal success, I am still not dating? ✿

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straight talk! by nan parks

Well, for the last couple of issues I've been dying to tell you all about Carol's Big Infatuation, but of course Carol absolutely FORBID me to mention a word in print about it and I can't say I blame her, because can you imagine having a crush on someone and having every development published for the world—well for your world at least—to read about! I remember when I met Doug in college—and he was just the handsomest man I had ever met—and he always made me laugh (he was so SILLY back then!)—but he didn't seem "interested" in me in that special way and I had the feeling he thought of me as sort of a pal which was NOT what I had in mind! And anyway I'll tell you I talked my roommate's ear off for six months until she couldn't stand it anymore and she kept giving me the most useless suggestions like "Nan, if you like him, just TELL him!" or "Nan, why don't you ask him to the mixer? He'll get the picture!"—which were all absolutely out of the question of course, and she even suggested I wear more provocative outfits around him, so I did do that once and I wore Diane's low-cut black dress with a long slit up the thigh and black stockings and black heels and black lipstick to one of the campus parties and Doug saw me and said something like "Hi Nan, going blood-sucking tonight?" and all of a sudden instead of feeling sexy I felt like a fool and I ran out of the party (and stumbled!) and later I guess Diane told Doug I had dressed just for him and that he was a jerk and I didn't know she had told him that until later (or I would have KILLED her of course) but anyway he changed! (And you know what? After we had been dating for a while I asked him what he would have done if I HAD "just told him I liked him" because by then it seemed so stupid that I had wasted all that time—and I thought he'd say he would have gone out with me right away, but he said he loved everything about me just the way I was including the fact that I wasn't the type to just come out with a comment like that so that if I HAD, everything would be different! So I guess I'm glad I didn't follow Diane's advice!)

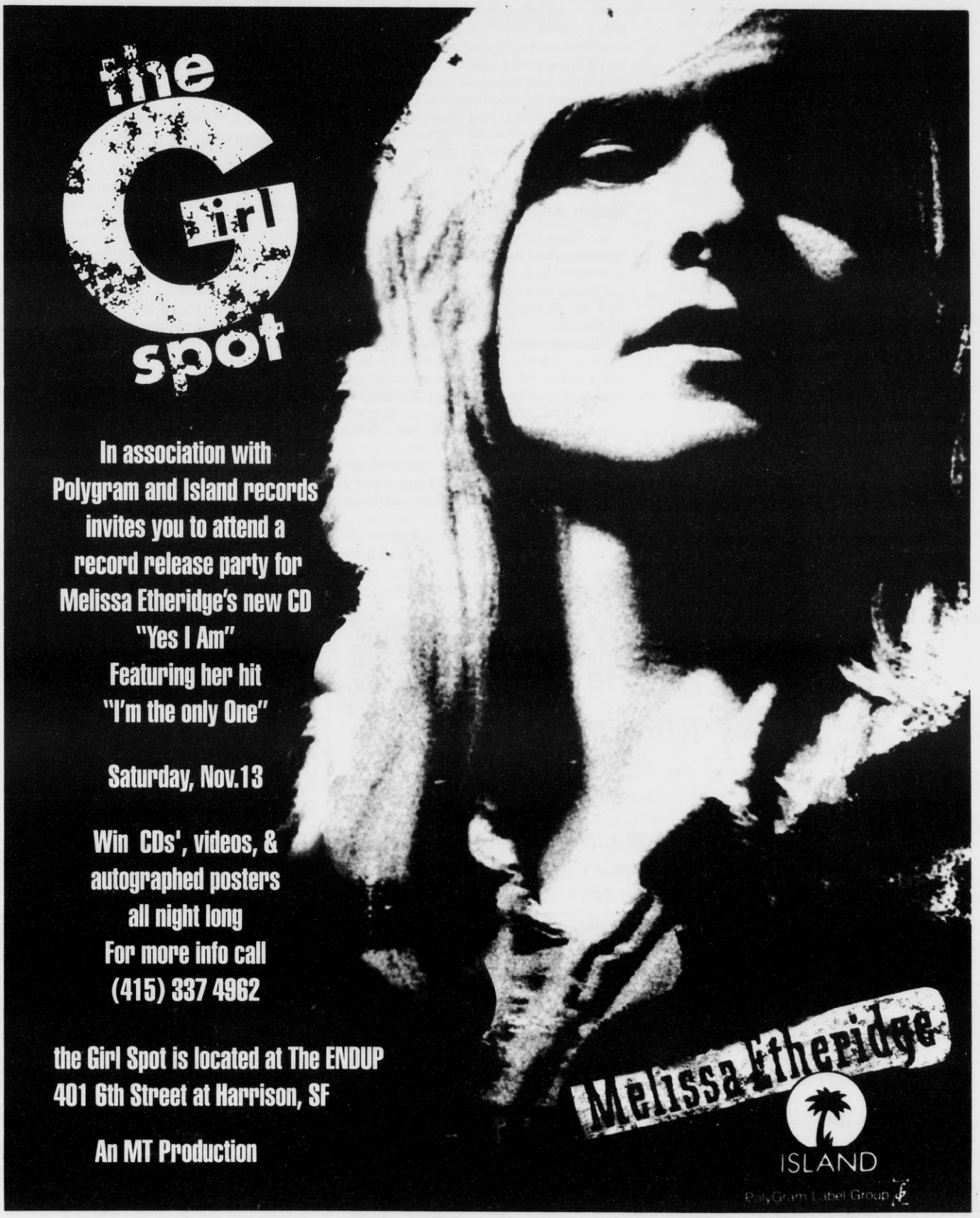
Anyway Carol met this French woman who is a journalist and who was writing a story about "le SIDA" as she calls it and she spent three days at Carol's office during which time according to Carol an "unspoken electricity" developed between them—which was the only explanation she had for finding this particular woman attractive because even though she was good-looking (confirmed by Peter), she did not seem to be at ALL Carol's type since (according to Peter) she chain-smoked, wore heavy perfume, and was not even a lesbian (which I would have thought would be a rather big point against her both philosophically for Carol who never goes out with bisexual women, but on a certain PRACTICAL level as well).

So Carol said the smoking and so forth didn't bother her because she wasn't looking to marry this person—just to have an affair or something, and anyway the two of them kept going out night after night to the Castro or out to dinner on Ghislaine's expense account and Ghislaine would kiss Carol goodnight on both cheeks and then Carol would call me up—at all hours—with every frustrating detail, and I would try and talk in a whisper, but Doug became intrigued with the story as well and often he would wake up and mumble, "So what happened tonight?" and I'd repeat the conversation and then BOTH Doug and I would be awake at one or two in the morning talking about Carol's crush! (In fact one night we were so awake that we went down to the kitchen and Doug ended up opening a bottle of wine and I lit candles on the table and it was so fun and weird that we were laughing and then we put on the stereo and slow danced until around three AM, when Timmy came down and asked what was going on and Doug said this is what grownups do when little boys are sleeping—and Timmy wanted to join us so we danced with Timmy for a while and then we were suddenly exhausted so we went to bed—but it was strange how the simplest departure from our normal routine could seem so exotic!)

But getting back to my story—which I can finally write about although I see I've used up a lot of my "space" going on and on and on about other things—sorry!—finally Carol called one night and she was ecstatic because she and Ghislaine had talked about their attraction and even though Ghislaine wasn't sure she was "ready" to have an affair with another woman she was at least considering it and she gave Carol a real kiss rather than the cheek business, and then we didn't hear from Carol for several days, and I called Peter who said Carol had called in sick to work (and I was a little worried!), but he said "Nan honey—she's not sick sick, she's lovvvvvvve sick" (which

was a relief, because there really is a horrible flu going around and Linda, the secretary at the school where I work was out for a week and someone brought in pineapple pills which will help prevent it so all of us took them and we finished the bottle and none of us knew where to get more of these pills which were borrowed in the first place so I have been a little nervous about the flu in general!)

And eventually Carol called up all aglow, and I asked her first thing if I could mention the details in "Straight Talk," and she said yes yes go right ahead, and I was so pleased because I thought the fact that Carol ended up "falling" for someone who seemed to contradict most of her own rules and regulations on relationships could be an interesting subject because it sort of illustrates that when you fall in love whether you're gay or straight, all sorts of ideas go right out the window don't they? So I started to ask Carol some important questions which I had written down already and everything and the first one was whether she (Carol) would now say that she (Carol) WOULD go out with bisexual and/or heterosexual women (since she was effectively doing just that) and there was a part two to that question which depended on the answer to part one, but Carol cut me off and told me she "couldn't handle being interviewed for some inane article" right then—which put me on the spot, because number one that wasn't a very nice thing to say, and number two it left me with no POINT to raise in this issue. Sorry folks!



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Fuck You, Homos

SAN FRANCISCO - During an Oct. 24 concert at the Civic Center Auditorium, the lead singer of the popular hip-hop band Cypress Hill attempted to whip the crowd into a homophobic frenzy.

Between songs, rapper B. Real made viciously homophobic remarks. As the audience cheered, the lead singer screamed, "All homos and fags in San Francisco, fuck you!"

Following a public outcry, apologies—of a sort—were issued by Cypress Hill, Columbia Records, and radio station KMEL, which promoted the concert. KMEL has promised to remove the band from its play list. Said KMEL's Joey Arbagey, "We're not going to support anybody degrading anybody else."

Suggesting that B. Real was acting without the support of other group members, Buzz Tone Entertainment, which manages the band, released a statement that read, in part: "The group members are determined that it will never happen again. Cypress Hill regrets any pain or distress this incident may have caused members of the gay and lesbian community. Cypress Hill does not in any way agree with, support, or condone anti-gay and lesbian violence whether verbal or physical. The group is proud to count members of the gay and lesbian community among its fans and believes that all fans should feel welcome at Cypress Hill concerts."

Al Kielwasser of the local chapter of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation suggests this apology may not be entirely sincere: "I hope that Cypress Hill does more than regret their actions and will take positive steps to promote tolerance and understanding. The entertainment industry has already offered us enough gratuitous apologies and empty promises."

Fuck You, Homos—Clinton-Style

WASHINGTON - Gay and Lesbian Americans, a grassroots coalition of folks committed to civil rights for queers, is calling on its supporters to phone and fax zap the U.S. Department of Justice's Solicitor General's Office, which filed an emergency brief with the Supreme Court, asking that it put on hold a lower court ruling knocking down the Pentagon's ban on gays and lesbians in the military.

The Solicitor General's Office, under the direction of Solicitor General Drew Days III, filed its request on Oct. 26 to Sandra Day O'Connor asking for a partial stay of an order from U.S. District Judge Terry Hatter.

Hatter is hearing the case of gay Navy Petty Officer Keith Meinhold, ousted from the military for being gay. On Sept. 30, Hatter issued a broad order prohibiting the Defense Department from ejecting service memebrs because of their sexual orientation.

Drew Days III can be reached at (202) 514-2201; and Ed Kneedler, the deputy solicitor general who wrote the brief, at (202) 514-3261. Faxes can be sent to (202) 514-9769.

Meanwhile, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) is calling on our so-called friend in the White House, President Bill Clinton, to "reconsider the course the administration has taken in defending this unjust and destructive policy." NGLTF told the prez, "We find little comfort in the fact that we know you do not support the policy that you will be signing into law."

NGLTF is referring, of course, to the 1994 Defense Authorization Bill, which contains Sen. Sam Nunn's (D-Ga.) policy banning gays and lesbians from service in the military.

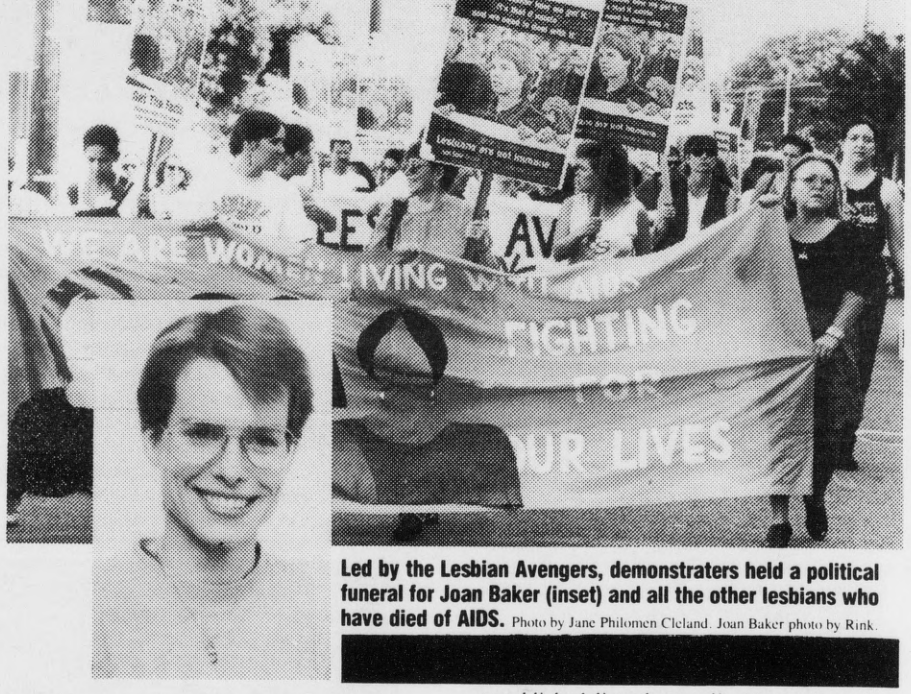
Queer Arts Center

SAN FRANCISCO - After a long hiatus, local lesbian/gay artists have resurrected the concept of a lesbian and gay cultural center to provide space, access and resources for the City's diverse lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender artists and arts organizations.

Under the auspices of the newly formed San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Arts Center for Art and Culture, this group of artists envisions an organization which will function as a museum for exhibition and archival purposes, house a performance space and be a resource for educational and cultural programming.

The effort this time around was spearheaded by longtime activist Jeff Jones, who participated in former Mayor Art Agnos' San Francisco Cultural Affairs Task Force.

Board members of the center include Blackberri, Lenore Chinn, Freddie Niem and Adrienne Fuzee.



Led by the Lesbian Avengers, demonstraters held a political funeral for Joan Baker (inset) and all the other lesbians who have died of AIDS. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland. Joan Baker photo by Rink.

L.A. Latino Leadership Responds to AIDS

LOS ANGELES - Touching a central theme of the first-ever L.A. County intergovernmental hearings on HIV/AIDS in the Latino community, Roland Palencia, vice president of AIDS Healthcare Foundation, joined a host of Latino leaders on Oct. 20 who testified on the problems the disease has created in their community.

"Our community needs to get over homophobia and AIDSphobia," said Oscar Reconco, director of Cara a Cara. "All it's doing is killing our brothers and sisters."

Alianza Latina Caucus of the HIV Health Services Planning Council convened the hearing to mobilize a community that accounts for one-third of all county AIDS cases. Said Cesar Portillo, co-chair of Alianza, "An extraordinary group of gay Latinos, homemakers and mothers, and undocumented persons stepped forward to deliver powerful testimony with great impact."

Juana Gutierrez, president of Mothers of East Los Angeles, said, "I am Catholic, but as far as condoms are concerned, I'd rather have my children healthy than religious."

A press conference is slated for late November to publicly deliver the panel's strategy for action.

Fundies Want Apology

MINNEAPOLIS - The first draft of a church statement that endorses masturbation, gay marriage and sex outside marriage has come under attack from fundies who want an apology from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America committee that came up with it.

Says the Rev. Walter Sundberg, associate professor of church history at Lutheran Northwestern Theological Seminary in St. Paul, "It's an unprecedented effort to unsin sin."

Local churches have until June to comment on the document which was released to the denomination's 19,000 pastors.

Oregon Update

SPRINGFIELD - The Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA), sponsors of a statewide anti-gay-rights initiative that failed last November, is in hot water for calling the former head of the Human Rights Commission a gay man. George Wickizer is suing the organization, saying the accusation has caused his family to receive harassing phone calls.

The OCA retracted the statement, saying it was mistaken as to who was heading the commission

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at the time.

Meanwhile the city of Springfield has taken steps to suspend the OCA-backed anti-gay-rights initiative its citizens passed in May, 1992 in order to avoid costly legal battles. OCA is attempting to pass anti-gay-rights ordinances in every city and county of the state. The Springfield City Council voted to wait until state court appeals of the OCA-backed initiatives have run their course to determine what it will do next.

But in Salem, the state Supreme Court ruled that the city could go ahead with a vote on the OCA anti-gay-rights initiative, despite the legal challenges and the recently passed state legislation negating any laws passed against gay rights.

The OCA is, of course, challenging the state pro-gay legislation.

Same Old Storyline?

LOS ANGELES - The producers of "Melrose Place" issued a release "clarifying some confusion" that has arisen from Matt Fielding's storyline on the show's Oct. 20 episode.

Matt's marriage of convenience to Katya, they said, is in no way meant to imply that his character is going straight. Rather, it is an act of generosity that also reinforces the notion that gay men possess all of the requisite qualities for fatherhood as their straight counterparts.

The marriage, according to the producers, will end when Katya returns to Russia, and Matt becomes involves with a lieutenant in the Navy. "Melrose Place," they say, continues to be the only prime-time drama with a regular gay character.

We'll see.

Day of Solidarity with Garment Workers

SAN FRANCISCO - The national support committees of the Garment Workers Justice Campaign and Asian Immigrant Women Advocates held a protest against Jessica McClintock Boutique on Sutter Street on Oct. 30 to bring attention to the plight of Asian women garment workers who toil outrageous hours without overtime or health benefits.

McClintock was targeted because it sells nationally what the committees described as "sweatshop goods." A press release from the Asian Immigrant Women says that "Bay Area garment workers are mostly Asian immigrant women who routinely work 10 to 12 hours a day, six to seven days a week, without overtime pay or health benefits, at piece rates far below minimum wage."

McClintock has refused to acknowledge the demands of workers.

NGLTF Releases Fortune 1000 Survey

CUPERTINO - The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) Policy Institute released the results of a survey of Fortune 1000 companies which establishes a baseline reading of the quality of work life for gay men and lesbians in corporate America.

While many companies include sexual orientation in their nondiscrimination policies, the results reveal that American companies have a long way to go in ensuring that gay and lesbian employees are treated equally in the workplace.

Of the Fortune 1000 companies sampled, 243 responded (25 percent), including 98 completed surveys and 145 refusals to complete the survey. Roughly 71.9 percent of participants have a nondiscrimination policy that includes sexual orientation. Three additional companies do not currently have one, but are considering one. Five companies have domestic partner benefits for same-sex partners of employees, including medical and dental coverage, childcare benefits, family/personal sick leave and bereavement leave.

"NGLTF intends to conduct this survey annually to monitor the progress of American companies toward creating safe, hospitable and non-discriminatory work environments for lesbian and gay employees," said Peri Jude Radecic, newly appointed director of NGLTF.

Yes to Manhattan Project

BERKELEY - At its Oct. 12 meeting, the Berkeley City Council endorsed the Barbara McClintock Project to cure AIDS. This makes Berkeley the first city in the country to endorse the project which was crafted by the New York chapter of ACT UP in response to a call for a Manhattan Project.

The project will soon be on the national political agenda as Rep. Jerry Nadler (D-NY) has pledged to write the McClintock position paper into legislation and bring it before Congress.

ACT UP East Bay member Rob Carpick addressed the council, reminding the body that "AIDS is the number one killer of young men in Berkeley."

Lesbian Health Advocates Win

WASHINGTON - After months of organizing, lesbian health advocates won a small but substantial victory when the National Institutes of Health decided to include lesbians as a visible part of the largest study of women's health ever undertaken.

The Women's Health Initiative, which will recruit 160,000 postmenopausal women into a $600 million study focused on the incidence of and remedies for health disease, gynecological cancers and osteoporosis in women will now include questions designed to allow researchers to determine whether there may be different disease risks or reactions to remedies among lesbians.

"A most important feature of this study is that it will finally give us a statistically valid profile of lesbian health so that we know what is going on in our community," says Paula Ettelbrick, public policy director the National Center for Lesbian Rights.

Information about sites for the study can be obtained by calling the National Center at (212) 343-9589.

Employment Discrimination Shareholders Supported

NEW YORK - U.S. District Judge Kimba Wood has enjoined the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) from making any further rulings allowing corporations to omit shareholder resolutions on employment issues from proxy statements.

This clears the way for shareholders of Cracker Barrel Old Country Stores, Inc. to vote on a New York City Employees Retirement System sponsored resolution at the Nov. 23 annual stockholders meeting. The resolution, which calls on the company to bar discrimination based on sexual orientation, is the first of its kind to come to a shareholders vote.

The resolution was precipitated by Cracker Barrel's firing of gay employees. Since February, 1991, the Tennessee-based multi-state restaurant chain has been the target of boycotts, sit-ins, demonstrations and nationwide negative publicity.

Queers to Converge on Church Meet

NEW YORK - In conjunction with the fall meeting of the General Board of the National Council of Churches, representatives of most of the lesbian/gay Christian caucuses and the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC) will meet in Baltimore Nov. 9-12.

The reason? To share concerns and strategies among the various groups struggling within their respective denominations, and to support MCC's relationship with that body. MCC has been trying, for years, to become a member of the National Council.

Amendment 2 Fight Cancelled

DENVER - People for a Stronger Colorado, which promoted a statewide amendment repealing the anti-gay-rights Amendment 2 which has prompted a national boycott of that state, has given up the fight. The group says it will not pursue the repeal amendment because of a lack of volunteers.

The group needed to gather 71,000 signatures by Nov. 5. Amendment 2 is currently undergoing the appeal process. A stay has been granted, prohibiting the enforcement of the amendment until the appeals process has run its course.

Meanwhile, a poll by the Denver Post-News says that most Coloradans still support Amendment 2. Fifty-one percent of those approached in the poll agreed that "Gay-rights groups are some of the most politically influential groups in this country."

Lesbian Loses Custody

MADISON - Dane County Circuit Court Judge George Northrup denied Sandra Holtzman custody and visitation rights for a 5-year-old boy born by artificial insemination to her former lover.

Northrup says that courts have refused to recognize nonbiological parents against the rights of those who actually bore the child. Holtzman's ex, Elsbeth Knott, has barred the woman from seeing the boy.

Holtzman's attorney is promising an appeal in the case.

Catholics Are Still At It!

PITTSBURGH - The Roman Catholics are still at it—trying to cure gays/lesbians/bisexuals, that is. In this steel-producing town in Pennsylvania, the Catholic Diocese is using a program called "Courage" which operates much the same as AA but with regard to sexual orientation.

Says Rev. John O'Shea, chaplain of the program, "We're not anti—homosexual. No one knows how the orientation gets there. We're just against sexual activity outside of marriage. There are homosexuals who want to do as the church suggests and we want to help them."

Other Courage programs are starting up in Denver, Milwaukee and Los Angeles.

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Just Like a Politician

IDAHO FALLS - Take the lyrics of Bob Dylan's classic "Just Like a Woman" and substitute the word "politician" and you have a perfect lead-in for this story from the state where fundies are attempting to pass an anti-gay-rights initiative similar to the one in Colorado.

All of the original seven candidates for a single City Council seat in this city formerly supported the Idaho Citizens Alliance's anti-gay initiative. That prompted an eighth candidate to enter the race. Which prompted the seven to take back their support of the initiative.

Said one of the candidates, Richard Shepherd, "It is quite discriminatory. I really hadn't done my homework."

Give him a gold star.

Holiday Gift Campaign For Homeless

SAN FRANCISCO - The Coalition on Homelessness is sponsoring a 1993 Holiday Gift Campaign in which persons can give a donation in the name of a friend, lover, family member or co-worker. The coalition will send out a card created by homeless children acknowledging the gift.

To donate, simply write a check, designating in whose name the money is being donated, and send it to: Coalition on Homelessness, 126 Hyde St., San Francisco, CA 94102, Attn: Ruth Pleaner.

Bits & Pieces I: Local

• Radical Women will sponsor a forum in San Francisco on Nov. 6 to publicize the findings from its recent trip to Eastern Europe, the Balkans and Russia. The forum will be held at the Women's Building, 3543 18th St./Valencia at 7:30 pm. Door donation is sliding scale from $2-9. An Eastern European buffet will be held at 6:30 pm. For more info or for childcare, call (415) 864-1278.

• Community United Against Violence (CUAV) recently presented an award to Escape from New York Pizza for the aid it offered in a Castro gay-bashing. Said CUAV Director Lester Olmstead-Rose, "When a wounded man entered their store on Castro Street, the employees had no hesitation in offering help to the crime victim."

• San Francisco artist Frank Pietronigro presented personal testimony when the Hawaiian State Judiciary Committee held hearings on Oct. 13 into the question of same-sex marriage. Pietronigro told the committee, "As an American man, I want to be afforded the right to partake in the insitutition of marriage, which, at this time, is available only to people of opposite sex, under the current discriminatory situation." Pietronigro is participating in a four-month Artists in Residence Program at Kalani Honua, a multi-cultural nonprofit arts center on the Big Island of Hawaii.

• The Center for AIDS Services AIDS Emergency Fund will present "The Kindest Cut of All," A Cut-A-Thon for AIDS, on Nov. 15-21 at 50 salons from Santa Rosa to San Jose and Lafayette to Fremont. For a list of participating salons, call (415) 621-6557.

• The Pacific Center for Human Growth has a new director: Akaya Windwood, who has been a member of the staff since 1991. She currently serves as a member of the Alameda County Human Relations Commission and the Alameda County Anti-Hate Violence Task Force.

• Congrats to Arlene F. Hoffman, D.P.M., Ph.D., of Mill Valley, Calif., who was recently elected to the board of directors as a trustee to the American Board of Podiatric Orthopedics and Primary Podiatric Medicine. The group's mission is to protect and improve the public health by the study and creation of standards for evaluating the competence of podiatrists who specialize in the practice of podiatric orthopedics and primary podiatric medicine in all its aspects and relations.

The Queerest Holiday of All, 1993: Halloween celebrants filled the Castro (top), while nearby at the Women's Bldg., leather studs graced GAPA's Halloween Ball. By midnight on Castro, the "Dyke Sex! Fag Sex!" gals and guys reclaimed the neighborhood from the marauding bands of oogling hets. Top photo: Jane Philomen Cleland. Middle & lower photos: Rink.

• The first Southern California Gay and Lesbian Exposition 1994—to be held on Jan. 28-30, 1994—has received political backing from both state and local officials. State Sen. Tom Hayden (D), State Assemblymember Terry Friedman (D) and Santa Monica Mayor Jude Abdo have joined Expo's Community Advisory Board. The Expo will provide large companies a way to reach

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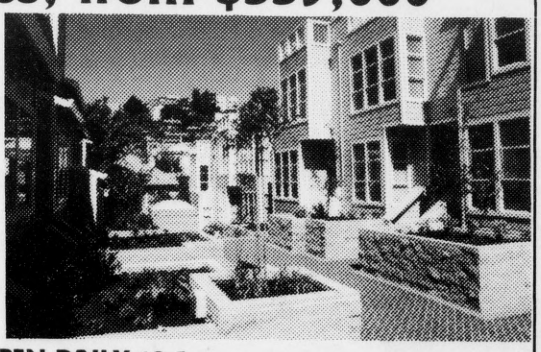

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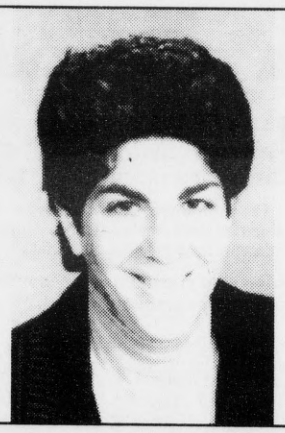

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the lesbian/gay market, reported to have earning power of over $512 billion, and gives consumers an active method to buy from companies that want their business. For more info, call (213) 848-2224.

• Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund will celebrate its 20th anniversary by hosting its first annual West Coast Liberty Awards in L.A. honoring four awardees for their commitment, leadership, service and vision. The awards take place on Nov. 16 at ATLAS, 3760 Wilshire Blvd., 7-9 pm. Honored will be the law firm of Hedges & Caldwell; Lorri J. Jean, Esq.; the Military Law Task Force; and activist Phill Wilson. For more info, call (213) 629-2728.

• The beneficiary of this year's Governor's Cup Benefit of the San Francisco Tennis Club's Board of Governor is the AIDS/HIV Life Center, a community resource and services center in San Francisco. The local tennis event, which took place on Oct. 30, was hosted by Congressmember Nancy Pelosi and her husband Paul.

• A Project Inform reception and awards ceremony with a special performance by Tony award-winning Nell Carter will be held on Nov. 15 at 7 pm in the forum room of the recently opened Center for the Arts at Yerba Buena Gardens. Tickets are $100 (sponsors) or $35 (general admission) and are available by calling (415) 558-8669 or (415) 978-2787.

• Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) announced on Oct. 19 that a half-billion dollar increase in AIDS funding this year was recently approved by the U.S. Senate. "These funding levels reflect the sense of urgency the Congress feels in dealing with this terrible epidemic, and I am grateful to my colleagues on the Appropriations Committee for their commitment," said DiFi.

• Simone Best has joined LIFE AIDS Lobby as Development Director. Best brings 17 years of experience in community organizing and business management in both the public and private sectors to the statewide gay/lesbian lobby.

• The National Center for Lesbian Rights in San Francisco announced on Oct. 18 the appointment of Bay Area activist and writer Stephanie Smith as coordinator of its Lesbians of Color Project. Smith, a 1987 graduate of Barnard College, previously worked at the Holocaust Center of Northern California, where she was director of secondary education.

• The Gay/Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California will hold its fourth annual awards dinner on Nov. 10 at the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco. *SF Bay Times* columnist Thom Bean (congrats, Tom!) will be the keynote speaker. Honored at the dinner will be Frameline, sponsor of the annual Gay/Lesbian Film Fest; playwright Cherrie Moraga; and historian Allan Berube. For more info, call (415) 626-0980.

Bits & Pieces II: National

• The Stadtlanders Foundation was formed recently in Pittsburgh, Pa., to offer direct support on a national level to charitable endeavors which improve the quality of life for patients living with chronic conditions, including AIDS. Through its HIV/AIDS Community Grant Fund, $1,000-10,000 grants will be awarded to projects which provide service in the area of nutrition and/or treatment information for individuals living with AIDS. Non-profits interested in applying should call (412) 825-8105. Application deadline for the first cycle is Dec. 10. The Stadtlanders Pharmacy is a nationwide pharmacy specializing in serving the needs of individuals living with AIDS and other chronic illnesses.

• Reggie Williams, director and co-founder of the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention, will leave his post at the end of February 1994. Williams cited declining health as one of the reasons for leaving the position. The task force board announced immediately that it will begin a national search for a new director. Says Williams, "I have been in this battle for a long time and I would like to have an opportunity to write about my experience both as a person living with HIV and as a Black gay man. I feel that stories from those two perspectives have not been told yet and I would like to ensure that they happen before I die." To apply for the post, send

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the artists *donate* their time, energy and talents to the event. Over the years, there have been screw-ups—like the Jimmy Sommerville performance. I sang a duet with him that day, which segued into "Mighty Real," and it remains one of the highlights of my life. But, why we absolutely *had* to go on in the beginning of the afternoon, when folks were only just arriving, was always a mystery to me, until I read Don's column! I must say, however, that Nancy Kravitz, Pablo and Don always made us feel at home. I want to thank them for that.

So the question remains: If the money doesn't go to the performers, and little seems to have gone to the security, vendors or staff—where *does* it go?

I am not suggesting in any way that Castro Street should work like Union Street—no way! It's a completely different kettle of fish, so to speak.

If, however, there is any question of impropriety by Rick Slick or any one else, I hope the *SF Bay Times* and the neighborhood will support Don Baird et al., in getting to the bottom of it.

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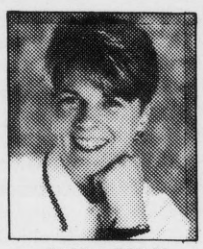

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Queer Youth Reclaim Our Conference in Oregon

by Rick Aguirre, age 21

Despite the threat of a large protest by the Oregon Citizen's Alliance (OCA), last week's queer youth conference in Beaverton, Ore., titled "Improving Services for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Youth," was a great success. "This year's conference was very dynamic and very positive," said Myndi Giedt, conference organizer.

It marked the second of a now-annual event for the entire state of Oregon. Over 200 service providers, activists, parents, clinicians and young people converged from as far as Seattle, San Francisco and (of all places) Tampa, Fla., in Beaverton—a suburb just outside of Portland.

As one of the young people who attended the conference last year, I was pleased to see that this year planners paid more attention to youth issues, as opposed to "homosexual" youth as case studies. While last year the conference focused mostly on clinical and social problems facing queer youth (i.e. suicide, drug abuse and homelessness), this year there was more of a focus on what could be done for queer youth.

One of the first workshops of the conference was titled "Speak for Yourself: A special gathering, for youth only, to share memories, dreams, fears, hopes, ideas, feelings, positive and negative experiences...structured to create a presentation later in the day, for the full conference."

"Last year, the young people at the conference were not given a chance to speak until the end of the conference," said conference co-chair Jim Clay. "This year, we wanted to make sure that youth were given a chance to speak at the beginning."

However, it did not take long for some of the participants in that workshop, including myself, to realize that it was not a "for youth only" workshop, after all. It was facilitated by an adult, and about 45 minutes into the workshop, which included rather juvenile running and jumping games, we learned that it was set up to give a presentation to the rest of the conference participants (read: the adults).

I had to say something: "How can we give any type of performance when hardly any of us in this room knows each other? There is an inherent problem here when a 'for youth only' workshop is facilitated by an adult, as defined by adults. I don't know if I'm the only one in this room that feels this way, but I thought this was supposed to be by and about queer youth. Not by adults for queer youth. We get enough of this condescending so-called 'programming' everyday of our lives."

At this point the people in the room took over the workshop and facilitator Laura Philips (Performance Artist, Health Educator and Community Activist for Peace and Justice), stepped aside.

This, in the very first workshop of the conference, set the stage for a powerful and dynamic presentation—as defined by the queer young people involved.

Organizers did not seem to mind this sort of revolt. "Clearly there was a flaw in our planning by not involving young people at the core of the programming," said Clay. " I was elated to see the young people grab their power and demonstrate to the rest of us, the adults, that no matter what we do, this conference belongs to them."

The presentation that came from that coup was moving. About 20 young people took to the stage and began to introduce themselves by first name only. Some of the participants, instead of saying their name, turned their backs to the audience. It was then announced that the ones who had turned their backs had felt the need to hide their sexuality or a part of their lives within the past few days. The audience was quiet and hushed. People in the audience were then asked to invite these faceless youth into the conference.

The audience exploded with a standing ovation while several people had tears in their eyes and a few even left the room crying.

OCA SABATOGE

However, "as we tried to create a safe place within the building, the OCA had planted several persons to be disruptive," said 19-year-old Aaron Bong, Director or the Oregon Sexual Minority Youth Network (OSMYN), an organization modeled after the [San Francisco] Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network.

According to sources from inside the security meeting, two plainclothes police officers had infiltrated the building to provide security, along with 12 other officers surrounding the building in cars and walking aound the conference.

"At last year's conference, the OCA was given space in the Inn's parking lot and about 200 protesters showed up. From that point, the conference pretty much fell apart," said Giedt. This year, about 20 protesters were kept on the other side of a very busy street, completely off the Inn's property. In addition, the Beaverton Police Department would not allow conference participants to cross the street and confront the OCA. "I heard complaints from some of the participants because we asked them not to counter-protest the OCA. But we didn't want to take the power away from the conference and give that power to the OCA," added Giedt.

I feel compelled to mention the location of the conference, even if it is perceived as blatant propoganda. (Isn't that what we're all about?) The Greenwood Inn chose to host the conference for the second year in a row, despite lost revenue due to a boycott started by the OCA. The staff and management were more than just tolerable. They were quite warm, friendly and hospitable.

Local queer girl Carmen Vazquez was keynote speaker for the conference. She spoke of the needs of intergenerational friendships and social activities to promote the feelings of true family and lineage within the queer youth community. Feelings that heterosexual youth in general are able to take for granted.

One exciting aspect of the conference was the blatant presence of OSMYN. This group of mostly Portland queer youth managed to help facilitate the conference and added that "youth handled" feeling to it.

A strong focus of many of the OSMYN members was remembering the queer youth who could not be there—especially victims of suicide. The following Tuesday, however, OSMYN received a phone call from an isolated questioning young woman—the first person to walk out of the closet and into the family of OSMYN and the queer youth community.

bean sprouts
by thom bean

Working Out Bias for Posterity

At great cost, we have learned how fleeting, how fragile life is. The material things we collect along the way do not matter. On our death beds, "things" offer little comfort as we leave them behind. Most of us spend much of our conscious thought on acquiring "things" which go far beyond survival and personal comfort. Sharing is a stranger who comes begging while selfishness and competition are old friends.

Much of what shapes and molds the quality of our lives, that which gives us validation, sustenance and justification is what we do for a living (and the satisfaction derived therefrom). What we do may be the most readily available means of support. Many of us experience little or no validation where we earn our living, and, for some, what significance they find at work is all they have.

BETTER THAN A SOUP LINE ON A RAINY DAY

On the positive side, sometimes we make lifelong friends at work. Sometimes we fall and fail in love there. Sometimes we have fun and even enjoy what we are doing. Sometimes we are forced to work with people with whom under no other circumstances would we have anything to do. Most people are relieved to be employed in this economy. Because jobs are scarce, many are inclined to put up with, at best, shoddy treatment, and, at worst, discrimination.

Each of us has a breaking point at which we must decide whether or not to stand up for our rights. Some will not stand up for what they believe. Some don't want to get involved or cause trouble. Some are silenced by fear, ambition or intimidation. Some only see how righteous they are, and how righteous the status quo is. There are career animals whose career paths are based upon finding fault with others. There are Quislings who are devoid of a core of integrity who will do or say anything for recognition or promotion. Some are uncomfortable in settings in which their peers are different from them, or those peers enjoy superior status.

DISCRIMINATION AT DSS

Shit happens everywhere. The Department of Social Services (DSS) has an AIDS quilt. While looking at the AIDS quilt, this DSS employee

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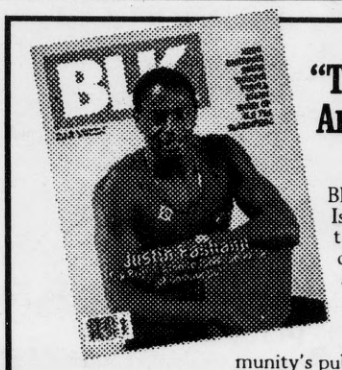

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thought that many have come and gone with little fanfare. Some have given all they had to give. Some have retired. Some have died. Some have struggled for a future which often is not the bargain for which they sacrificed the prime years of their work lives. Some sacrifice their dreams, one by one, and do the best they can. This writer notes how members of two oppressed groups—Blacks and gays—are affected by discrimination at DSS.

The public sector traditionally has had appeal to some gays, as it has had to Blacks. Both groups have suffered both blatant and subtle discrimination. Once in the system, civil service offers greater protection from an often hostile employment market. Both communities have suffered outcast status from the mainstream. And consistent employment has some appeal—especially as the economy tightens. Public sector employment has been a magnet and a cornerstone of the middle and working classes in both communities.

GAYS ADVERSELY IMPACTED AT DSS

Some long-term city employees who are gay and lesbian have noticed our numbers are dwindling at DSS, and not just from AIDS and attrition. "This used to be a place where gays and lesbians could come and work. Not so much anymore. There are not half as many gays as before. Gay men in particular are being replaced by Asian and Hispanic straights. There seems to be a new, unspoken cultural bias against homosexuality, and especially a bias against homosexuals working with children," observed one gay DSS employee.

Another gay DSS employee observed: "There is a definite glass ceiling. Beyond a certain level, the closet door is not only shut but sealed tight. In their efforts to be accepted and advance, some of the closeted gays here have remained silent, served as obstacles, and/or sabotaged the efforts of more 'out' or activist-minded lesbians and gays trying to bring about change."

Years ago, I wanted to invite Simon Nkoli, a gay Black South African activist, to speak to anyone at DSS interested in hearing about apartheid and oppression. The manager responsible for the space declined: "I don't think I can do that. There may be someone here who would object to ending apartheid."

One of the departmental activities which openly supports gays is the AIDS Awareness Committee. "About 50 DSS employees have died of AIDS. But generally no one from the department shows up at the funerals. One of the men who died recently had set up an AIDS fundraiser but was too sick to remain at work afterward. His supervisor called him at home and ordered him to get out of his sick bed, return to work and personally 'clean up' afterward."

When asked at a managers' meeting why DSS does not advertise employment vacancies in any of the gay papers, one of the managers responsible said, "Gays aren't covered by affirmative action. We don't have to advertise in their papers." A hierarchy of class and position prevails over any homospiritual bonding. According to Elva Cross-Garrett, Chair of the African-American Black Focus and Support Group, DSS prevented her group from bringing in speakers from the Black Coalition on AIDS to make a presentation on safe sex and condoms.

"DSS managers called Black Coalition On AIDS to cancel the presentation without even notifying the planners. And we are the care providers who need to be aware of the growing epidemic and take that message forth into our communities. But, again, we are not important enough to be consulted. And what we do must be approved of by the white folks."

BLACKS ADVERSELY IMPACTED AT DSS

At a recent hearing before the Economic Vitality & Social Policy Committee of the Board of Supervisors, approximately 30 African-American DSS employees testified. Most had been with the department for 10-plus years. Most have never publicly complained before. They charged discrimination in promotion, demotion, reclassification and transfer. Their testimony was given before Supervisors Kennedy, Kaufmann and Conroy. Their testimony was painful to speak, painful to hear. It indicated a tradition of ongoing disparate treatment and racism that Blacks have suffered within the department.

"Black males, especially, have a rough road to hoe at DSS," one white employee observed. One of the DSS workers testified: "I was so depressed, I tried to commit suicide. My supervisor physically attacked me, called me a nigger, and would humiliate me publicly."

Another worker told of how DSS "has spent thousands of dollars to get rid of me. They have harassed and humiliated me. I have been with the department for 28 years, and I have been terrified to leave my job classification for a promotive opportunity because that is when they would get me." City employees are subject to probation when they move from one job classification to another. But why should anyone have to live in fear and be at the whim of racist managers unchecked and unadmonished by any department?

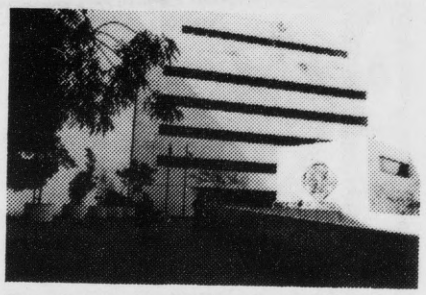
The Legal Defense Committee, a public employee organization, contended that DSS has written Blacks out of its affirmative action plan, re-configured job specifications in order to shift advantage to preselected candidates, and allowed candidates to influence the line of questioning and parameters on tests. Witnesses testifying indicated that there has been unequal disciplinary action against Blacks and disparate treatment in selection of personnel for transfer, reclassification and training.

DSS's affirmative action plan claims employees are "invited to monitor and review the progress of the plan." Recognized employee organizations with substantial African-American participation were not provided with a copy of the plan or asked to participate. The plan went on to state: "Women and African-Americans are at or over labor force parity in all job categories." Testimony from Blacks indicated otherwise. Blacks also indicated that the diversity training within the department has been inadequate to effect meaningful change in a white middle-management which essentially practices nepotism and rule by an entrenched Ol' Boy system.

At a hearing, DSS spokesperson Mary Smith claimed, "Seventy percent of DSS employees are minority...Many of the issues raised here are historical...these employees have not sought remedy through appropriate channels...we [management] are saddened and disappointed to see these employees here today." Supervisor Kennedy responded, "Are you saying that there is no problem at DSS and that all of these employees are lying?...If these employees were able to find resolution within the department, they would not be here today. Something must be wrong over there."

Smith has not returned phone calls; nor did she respond to memos from many of the employees

Because a work force is 70 percent minority does not mean the systemic operation of that department is not racist. Plantations were more than "70 percent minority" and that fact did not prevent them from being racist either. Because someone is a supervisor or manager does not mean that they are not racist. When someone says they are not racist, certainly that statement does not certify that they are not. The facts remain: Blacks have not been paid when promoted, Blacks have been skipped over on certification lists,



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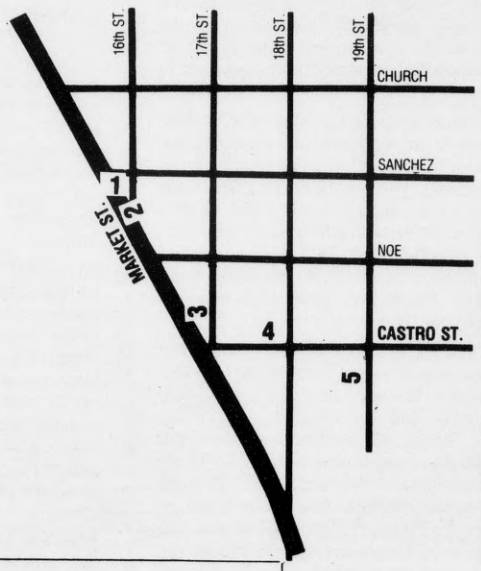
Blacks have adversely and disproportionately been impacted by "down-sizing." Blacks have been used in out-of-class positions and not rewarded for their work and expertise as have other employees.

There are managers at DSS and throughout society who do not understand what institutional racism is, or how their arrogance and insensitivity are exemplary of the fact. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the investigation of discrimination at DSS. Some silent, high-priced strutting peacocks have accepted the oppression of others as part of their job requirement. Some are Black. Some are gay. They come and go, and when they go, they will not be missed. Leaders who risk disapproval and fight the good fight will be respected and remembered by a better class of people anyway.

Our immortality lives on through classic lessons we re-learn and share with others. Accomplishments like resisting ignorance and prejudice, supporting those who are different, having integrity and an inner core of values which ring true eternally and proudly are what real friends remember, along with the silly things we remember which ease the pain of the absence of loved ones from our lives. ✿



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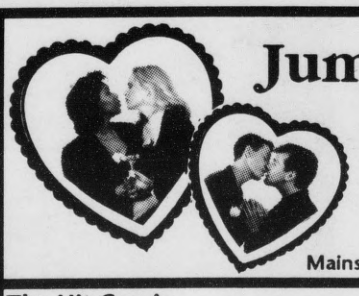

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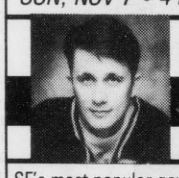

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(astrology)

BY JACK FERTIG

A Jovial Ingression

Well, I finally saw Elvis Herselvis, and I guess she's wonderful, but the whole thing just made me feel old. I got to thinking, why doesn't some great dyke pianist with a drag queen roommate and a warehouse full of sequins do an act as "Lesberace"? I can just visualize—excuse me—audialize, florid keyboard arrangements to all those Holly Near songs and a wymyncrafted pudendal candelabra, her own trademark labia menorah.

But how does this tie into astrology, you ask? Well, in just a few days, actually very early on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 17 minutes after midnight, Jupiter, the planet of humor, opportunity and abundance is making its annual change of sign, entering Scorpio, the sign of sex, death and transformation. Expect the best of bad taste to be bursting out in the coming months. Famous for sexual rapacity, Scorpio may look at first as a fun place for a Jovial ingression. Indeed, this can be a great year for those of you who are still keeping the promise in promiscuity. Depending on your inclination and desires, under this aspect, even monogamy can be a great adventure. But this is also the sign of death and spiritual challenge, so we can expect an awful lot of that in the next 12 months. In this sign, Jupiter will also shed new information on genetics, virology and metaphysics. It's an excellent time for medical research. Expect a major breakthrough!

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: You've been very lucky lately in your relationships. Now you get to push your luck—as you tend to anyway! When that doesn't work you bounce back pretty well, but right now it should work out very well indeed. You're at the point of testing a partnership or challenging a contract. Forge ahead as if you can do no wrong. (As if you need the encouragement!) Normally your attention tends to wander, but now you should concentrate your focus on the challenge at hand. You can hardly lose, but the stronger your commitment, the more you stand to gain.

TAURUS: You're getting an awful lot of work these days. Make sure you're doing what you enjoy! Lately you've been in an ideal position to curry favor among connections. This may be time to call in some IOUs. It's an excellent time to take a chance on a dramatic change to do something you really like. Likewise, it's a good time to dedicate your energies to doing the best you can and be noticed for the quality of your work. Health is very good right now, but be careful of your liver.

GEMINI: You've been on a brilliant creative roll lately. Or maybe you've just been rolling brilliantly and creatively. In any event, this is a good time to push limits and go beyond your usual amusements. This can be a good time to explore thrill sports such as sky diving or drag racing. (Go, Girl!) New erotic thrills are also wide open for your pleasure. You can also focus this powerful energy into using art as a means of exploring and attaining a sense of profound inner strength. Erotic art can combine the most luscious of all these possibilities.

CANCER: More than any other sign, yours craves domestic comfort. Recently you've been unusually fortunate in attaining this pleasure. Now your good luck leads you to a deep, but liberating change. This can be the time for you to invest in real estate, or to move into a dramatically different situation than where you've been. Or it could be time to confront domestic or familial issues. If things have been going better than usual with your family, this is an excellent time to take a risk and clear the air about a situation you've been wanting to deal with.

LEO: In recent months you've been a bit more expressive than usual. (As if the lion ever needed help in this department!) Your loquacity has, for the most part, been just as gracious and entertaining as you would want it to be. Now it takes a turn, sounding more like the challenging roar of the king of the beasts—or a beastly queen. You're getting hungry for a challenge, eager to match wits with someone, but pick an opponent who can really offer you a challenge, preferably one who can play with you and realize it's just a game. Or take on some gross malefactor, but don't waste your ammunition on the relatively innocent who surround you.

VIRGO: You've been in the midst of a financial lucky streak. This will continue, but the nature of your good luck—and how to make the most of it—is about to change. So far, grace and charm have worked well for you. Working with others has been especially lucrative, and it shall continue to be, but you'll do better to act less as an equal partner, and take charge and take chances. You have very deep insight, especially now, and that can prove very profitable. Employ your research skills, sex appeal and psychological perspectives. Be shrewd and subtle, but not shy!

LIBRA: Known for sweetness, companionship and culture, your sign is much less appreciated for its instinctive political skills and ability to first-guess others. Yours is not just the sign of lovers and artists, but also of military leaders and powers behind the throne. Your recent streak of good luck will continue, but it's taking a slightly different tack now. So far your innate charm and grace have served you well, but now it's time for you to exercise the iron fist you keep hidden inside your velvet glove. Use it, but keep it hidden. Subtlety and wit will serve you well. Be daring. It's almost impossible for you to go wrong.

SCORPIO: Blessings have been coming in disguise. For a while they will be even more disguised. Trials and tribulations force you to grow spiritually, so buck up. Even though it may seem pretty bad right now you will later come to understand how the growth you are experiencing now—even kicking and screaming—is to your advantage in the long run. To make things easier in the meantime, this is an excellent time to adhere to spiritual activities, whether they be church, meditation, wiccan circles, 12-step meetings, or whatever. For the more agnostically inclined some psychological counseling could be very helpful right now. *Happy Birthday: John Burrow, James Broughton, Ann Rostow, Larry Maloney, and Sabrina!*

SAGITTARIUS: With such a various and interesting bunch of friends, you may not even notice the change that's taking place in your social scene. More likely the change is due to your own change of position. You're enjoying special political luck lately. Now you have every opportunity to make special use of the networks you've developed lately and turn those connections into power, perhaps attaining some new position of responsibility. Or you may rather be exercising your newfound influence from behind the scenes.

CAPRICORN: Your ease with authority has served you well of late, helping you glide into positions of power or easy recognition. This has been—and continues to be—a good time to boost your career and your reputation. Your recent success has relied largely on your charm and cooperation. Now you are called on to exercise some power, and that may require some tough decisions. Odds are the decisions will be harder on others than on you, but you'll have to toughen up, perhaps alienating some friends or impressing them with your shrewd execution.

AQUARIUS: Life has recently been a merry romp, bringing you wonderful new adventures and education even when you least expect it. Although none of this will cease in the immediate future (unless you were born right on the 20th or 21st), the nature of your adventures will change dramatically. No more idyllic traipsing through halcyon fields; but a sense of danger, thrills, and challenge will push you to ever new heights. Fear not. Good luck continues and the greater the challenge the greater the reward. You are protected in new ventures now and can hardly go wrong.

PISCES: Mixed blessings come your way so often they should be your favorite kind. Truth is you can see the bleak side of wonderful opportunities as well as the proverbial silver linings. Right now you have very powerful blessings, mixed or otherwise. Your recent luck in love has tended toward hearts and flowers. Now you are invited to get into the nitty gritty. Sexual opportunities that few dare to dream of are wide open to you. The other side of the Eros/Thanatos duality is also heavy upon you. Even in death there is opportunity. Inheritance perhaps? Or spiritual insights? Yours is potentially the strongest sign, bending and adapting where others would snap. You stand to gain a lot of strength these days, although you may have to work hard at finding the silver linings. ✿

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NOV 4 / T H U

Film Arts Festival runs thru 11/7 at SF's Roxie Cinema. See a genre-and-mind-bending compilation of the best, brightest, weirdest and most breathtakingly diverse work in Bay Area independent film & video at this annual showcase spons by Film Arts Foundation. This year's highlights include Gail Dolgin & Vicente Franco's *Cuba Va*, in which Cuban youth passionately debate where the end of the Cold War has left their beleagured country; *Prayer for the Enemy*, Ellen Bruno's lyrical look at Tibetan nuns who have suffered for their nonviolent protests against Chinese occupation; Dorothy Fadiman & Daniel Meyer's *When Abortion Was Illegal*; Mark Taylor's *He Would Have Loved Me to Death*, a meditation on loss, violence and disintegration; and Pat Elenteny's *Popskull*,a disturbing look at youthful alienation & violence. 3117 16th St at Valencia, SF. For complete program details and tix info call 552-FILM.

11th Annual Media/Merchandise Benefit Auction at the Claremont Resort Hotel in Oakl. Spons by the East Bay Advertising & Marketing Association (ADMARK). Proceeds help support the East Bay AIDS Center & ADMARK's club activities, community service & educational projects. Buyers can save as much as 50-80 percent on commercial broadcast time from major Bay Area radio & TV stations; local, regional & national magazines & newspaper/advertising space and outdoor display ads. Over $260,000 in media & merchandise (business & marketing services, dinners, trips, celebrity items—including an original, signed Eisenstaedt print donated by Life magazine—and more) offered for auction. $30 adv res includes buffet & two free Bay cruises. Emcee Mancow of Wild 107 FM. Info/res: (510) 658-4883.

Marin BACW Business Mtg. Help Bay Area Career Women plan upcoming activities. Info: Lucie 925-9509.

At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore: Madeline Moore reads from and signs copies of her new book, *As You Desire* 7:30 pm, free. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

At Modern Times Bookstore: (T)he (W)rites of Mo(u)rning: A Chicano Gay Writing Workshop. A Day of the Dead Reading by this group led by Bay Area poet Ricardo A Bracho. 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

***Jeffrey* Benefit** & Cast Party: Benefit performance of Paul Rudnick's hit comedy at 8 pm, followed by catered cast party immediately following the performance. Proceeds benefit Theatre Rhino, the nation's oldest lesbian & gay theater. For tix & other info call 861-5079.

Reno at Josie's Cabaret: First in a series of work-in-progress stand-up concerts. Runs Thurs[Sun 11/4—7, Wed-Sun 11/10-21, at 8 pm, with added 10 pm shows on 11/5, 12 & 19. Tix $10 Wed, Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Jewelle Gomez & Randye Lordon read from their new work. 8 pm, $3-10 SL donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4676.

Reading & Booksigning by Jyl Lynn Felman, author of *Hot Chicken Wings*. 8 pm at Afikomen Jewish Books & Arts, 3042 Claremont Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 655-1977.

NOV 5 / F R I

At Cover to Cover Booksellers: *American Girls* party with author Valerie Tripp. 3-5 pm. 3910 24th St, SF. Info: 282-8080.

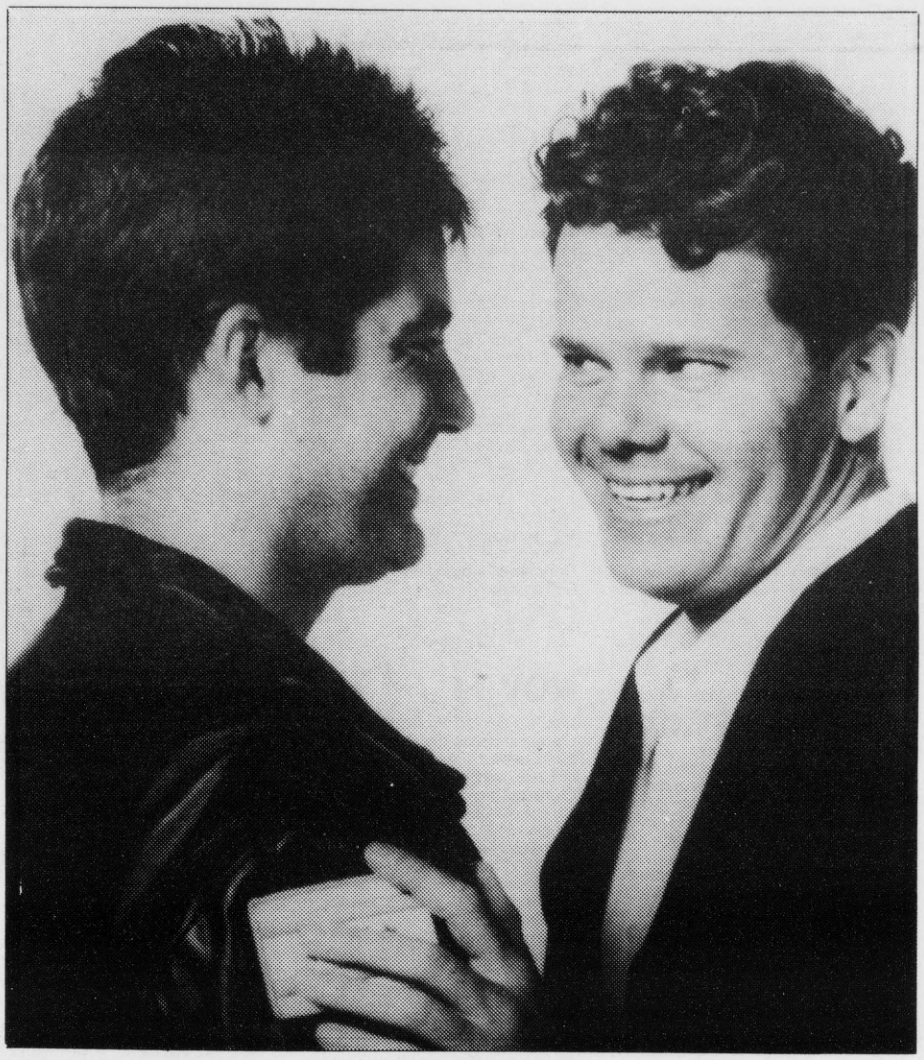
Women Writers Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 6-9 pm at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Led by Martha Courtot. Info: 626-7000.

Entree Tonight! Join seven lesbians in San Francisco for a night of succulent feasting & sparkling conversation. Space limited. For res/info call 703-7142.

Women's Country Western Class & Dance: 7 & 9 pm in the Eastbay, tonight & 11/12. Info/location: Gerri (510) 428-2144.

Nightscene: Popular Northwest-produced cable access TV program features positive members & supporters of the gay & lesbian community. Show co-hosted by Lanny Swerdlow and Dr Mary Ann Humphrey, author of *My Country, My Right to Serve*. Show airs Friday nights at 7 pm on SF's Viacom Cable Access (City Visions).

Shabbat Gathering of Jewish lesbians, bisexual women & their women friends. Join us and let go of the week and your work; bring in Shabbat with song, food, shmoozing & Jewish culture—no experience necessary! Bring a substantial vegetarian potluck dish to share. No scents, please. This month's gathering is in Oakland. 7:30 pm. Info/location/directions: (510) 654-8104.



Finding romance in the age of AIDS—Stephen Caffrey (left) and Morgan Strickland star in the critically-acclaimed "Jeffrey." See OnStage for all info.

At Boadecia's Books: Grant Michael's reads from *Dead on Your Feet*, the latest in his mystery series featuring "Boston's sassiest hairdresser". 7:30 pm. 398 Colusa Ave at Colusa Circle, Kensington/North Berkeley. Info: (510) 559-9184.

"Honoring the Feminine Body," a workshop with Carol Normandi, MFCC & Laurelee Roark, CCHT. Exploration of how women's self image & body image have been devastated by the objectification of the feminine body. 7:30 pm, $5. A New Leaf Bookstore, 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

Reno's at Josie's: First in a series of works-in-progress stand-up concerts. Runs Thurs-Sun, thru 11/7, Wed-Sun 11/10-21, at 8 pm with added 10 pm shows on 11/5, 12 & 19. Tix $10 Wed, Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Plague Mass: Vocalist/composer Diamanda Galas presents her heart-rending monumental work "Plague Mass," an original musical work about the tyrannical specter of AIDS, capturing the contradictions & conflicts of art, politics & religion with searing power. Tonight & tmw at 8 pm at the Warfield Theater, 982 Market St, SF. Tix: $25 main floor/lower balcony, $22.50 upper balcony. Tix at BASS (510) 762-BASS or call (415) 775-7722 for more info.

Lesbian Vampire Lovers at the Castro Theatre: Author/filmmaker Andrea Weiss presents a special evening dedicated to the image of the sapphic succubus, looking at the legend of the lesbian vampire from early literature thru to '60s sexploitation and to '80s Hollywood chic. Event includes many clips from studio archives, including Roger Vadim's rarely-seen erotic art movie *Blood & Roses* and a low-budget Hammer horror flick from Britain, *Twins of Evil*, where Ingrid Pitt plays the breast-biting Carmilla, hell-bent on seducing English virgins. 8 pm $7. Co-presented by Frameline & the SF Int'l Lesbian & Gay Film Festival. Tix available at A Different Light Bookstore, SF. Info: Frameline 703-8650.

Conspired Inspiracy: New wave of dyke performance & poetry by a group of inspired queer women (Julia/Dolphin Trahan, Summer, Barrie Rein, Jenna Magruder, Carmen, Fiona Hollins & Melodie Frances) at Red Dora's Bearded Lady, 485 14th St, SF. 8 pm, $5-10 SL donation. One night only!

The Tim & Connie Show: A solo eve of poetry, gender & song to benefit local AIDS organizations. Cabaret-style show is a funny & poignant musical depiction of poet/actor/designer Tim Moore's life as a gay man, as told by Moore and his alter ego Connie Casablanca. 8:30 pm tonight & 11/6, 12 & 13 in the cabaret at Lily's, corner of Market & Valencia Sts, SF. $5 admission, 2 beverage minimum.

Latin American & world music ensemble *Kiku* in their Bay Area premier concert at La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. 8:30 pm, $8. Info: (510) 849-2568.

NOV 6 / S A T

Mastering the Media— Media Activism Training: Spons by the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) and the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force. Designed for both the inexperienced & experienced media activist. Learn the basics of writing press release and contacting reporters about stories, plus how to arrange editorial review meetings and pitch stories to reporters. Also demo of advanced & effective techniques for countering right wing homophobic rhetoric. Taught by Robert Bray. Wkshop includes panel discussion with leading Bay Area media professionals. 9 am-6 pm, $10 for people representing organizations, $5 for individuals; no one turned away for lack of funds. Space limited. Info/reg: 861-4588.

Meditation Retreat for gay & lesbian Buddhist practitioners, spons by the Gay Buddhist Fraternity. 9 am-5:30 pm at SF Dharmadhatu, 1630 Taraval, btwn 26th & 27th Aves, SF. Pre-reg suggested. Call 974-9878 for GBF bulletin board & voicemail service.

Limatour Beach/Pt Reyes Hill Hike with Gay/Lesbian Sierrans. Strenuous 12 mile hike. Info: 647-3775.

Gay Esteem in Relationship: A Meeting Men Event. Focus on shaping your ability to love yourself completely, as a path to loving another. 10 am-5 pm, $45. Info/res: 239-7839.

Surviving Rejection: Wkshop for midlife women, on handling the "no" in the job search and other areas of life. Facilitated by Lloyda French, MS, career counselor. Includes stress reduction exercises. 10 am-noon at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Spons by Options for Women Over 40. Info/reg: 431-6405.

Dreamwork Wkshop for people with life-threatening illnesses: 1-4 pm at First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, 72 Kensington Court, San Anselmo. Led by therapist Joan Robinson, who has done dreamwork as part of counseling & her own recovery from cancer. Wkshop open to 20 participants. Spons by Spectrum Center for Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Concerns. $10 suggested donation. Info/res: 457-1115.

Midlife Women Golden Oldies Dance? at Whiptail Lizard Lounge: 1-4 pm, $3-5 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds). Afternoon of music & dancing and new friends. Alcohol, drug & smoke-free space for lesbians. Info: 267-6979.

Mr & Ms Gay California Pageant takes place today in San Diego, in the main ballroom of the Travelodge Hotel, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. Event includes competition, entertainment, food & dancing. 8 pm, $25 in adv, $30 at door. Info: (619) 291-5766 or (619) 692-1967.

Bay Area Women Speak Out for Justice: All-day speak-out and teach-in on women as outsiders in the legal system—from police & DA failure to prosecute violence against women thru bizarre welfare fraud investigations & police crackdowns on HIV-positive prostitutes to family court fiascoes. Spons by East Bay NOW (Nat'l Organization for Women). For time, location & other info call Caryn Books (510) 287-8948.

BACW Marin Video Night: Join Bay Area Career Women for a potluck dinner, followed by movie classic *An Affair to Remember* (yes, the one with Deborah & Cary). $2. Info/res: Janice 383-6737.

"Women in East Europe say No to Sexism & Capitalism!" an eyewitness account & slideshow by Seattle lesbian/gay organizer Susan Docekal, recently returned from a 9-week tour of Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Poland, Serbia and the former Soviet Union. Docekal interviewed feminists, leftists and anti-war activists. 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Eastern European buffet served at 6:30 pm ($9.50 donation). Call three days in advance for childcare (864-1278 or 334-1853). Spons by Radical Women.

Chanticleer opens their 16th season with an 8 pm concert tonight and a 7 pm concert tmw, both at Calvary Presbyterian Church, Jackson & Fillmore, SF. Program: *Magnificat* by Giovanni Gabrieli, *If Ye Love Me* by Thomas Tallis, *Nude Descending A Staircase* by Allen Shearer, *Drei Mannerchore* by Richard Strauss, plus popular selections of jazz, gospel & barbershop. Tix $19 gen'l, $16 stdnts & srs. Info/res: City Box Office 392-4400.

"Love's Body: Sex, Murder, Pornography," a solo performance by Christian Huygen, based on excerpts from his novel, *Radar Angels*. A "caustically funny, bittersweet & ultimately harrowing exploration of the limits of love and the limits of the body." 8 pm, $5. New Langton Arts, 1246 Folsom St, SF. Info: 626-5416.

At Mama Bears: Teresa Chandler & Tracy Stark sing torch & blues. 8 pm, $8-10. Womnen only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684

Diamanda Galas' "Plague Mass" at the Warfield—see 11/5. Final performance!

NY performer Reno at Josie's Cabaret, see 11/5.

At Sacred Grounds Cafe: Ed Haynes, and special guest. 8 pm. 2095 Hayes St, SF.

The Tim & Connie Show at Lily's. See 11/5.

At Komotion: Dr Z's "Night of Alternia" with music & mayhem by *Spokepoker, The Fabulous Hedgehogs, Numinous Fools* and *Special Guest*. 10 pm, $5. 2779 16th St, SF. Info: 861-6423.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Reno, Scott Capurro & Lisa Geduldig. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

NOV 7 / S U N

Marin BACW Adopt-A-Highway: Join Bay Area Career Women for their every-other-month clean-up of their 2 mile section of freeway—followed by a potluck brunch and swim/social party! Call Susan for info/location: 892-0509. Don't miss!

Negatives Being Positive: Group meets at the Blue Muse for tasty brunch and fine conversation. Social hour at 10:30 am, brunch at 11:30. Come, and bring friend! 409 Gough St, btwn Hayes & Grove, SF. Info/RSVP: Neil 255-7672.

Whiptail Lizard Lounge: Lesbian Resource Cetner and hang-out space in the Castro. All women are welcome. Open noon-9 pm. Open collective meeting at 7 pm. 4035 18th St, SF. Info: 267-6979.

An Afternoon Delight: Exotic dancing & erotic readings to benefit Californians Against Censorship Together (CALACT). 1-4 pm, $20. Readers include Richard Pacheco, Carol Queen, Pat Califia & Maggie Rubinstein. Dancing by Daisy Anarchy and the Frisko Dancers. At the Mitchell Brothers O'Farrell Theater, 895 O'Farrell St, corner of Polk & O'Farrell, SF.

***Street Sex* Screening:** Benefit screening of Carol Jacobsen's film, which was censored last year by anti-porn activists at the University of Michigan Law School. Proceeds benefit the SF Coalition on Prostitution. Screening at 1 pm, followed by coalition meeting at 2 pm. 1 pm, $3-5. ATA, 992 Valencia St, SF. Film is a straightforward series of interviews with stret prostitutes reporting on their work, the dangers & problems in their lives and the need for law reform. Info: Carol Leigh, Sex Workers' Action Coalition, 435-7931.

Midnight Squares invite lesbians & gay men to an advanced-level square dance, featuring high-energy caller Mike Desisto of Seattle, Washington. 3-5:30 pm, $5 at Live Oak School, 117 Diamond St at 18th, SF. Info: 861-1979.

Bookparty at Mama Bears for cartoonist Trish Robbins, author of *100 Years of Women Cartoonists*. 3-5 pm, free. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Naked Tribal Heat: A substance-free, naked, erotic, touch, sacred dance experience with Jamie McHugh at New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St, SF. 4-6 pm, you must arrive by 4:30 pm. Adv tix available at A Different Light Bookstore until 11/6. $30 adv, $30 at door. Info: Tribal Hotline 552-3242. A John Sabel production.

BACW Mid-Peninsula Western Dance Lessons in Redwood City. Join Bay Area Career Women for an afternoon of beginner classes, taught by Rhonda. 4-wk series, 11/7, 14, 21 & 12/5. Info/res: Wendy 328-5825.

Exorcism Protest: Network Against War & Fascism, The Naughty Nuns and the Sisters of Merrroey sponsor a protest at 5 pm at the Adobe Fellowship Church, 2875 Adobe Rd, Petaluma (45 miles north of SF. From SF, take 101 North to Petaluma. E. Washington exit, turn right on E. Washington St, then go 2 miles to the church. Carpools meet in the Safeway parking lot, Church & Market St, SF, at 3 pm) which is hosting a local reparative therapy prayer rally of the notoriously anti-gay Love in Action (LIA) group. Pro-gay ritual exorcism on LIA & Exodus International (both groups operate two reparative therapy indoctrination in patient-homes in the San Raphael area, one for "ex-gays" and one for "ex-lesbians"). Come in your post-

Halloween drag & help exorcise the demons out of LIA & Exodus. Call 474-1731 for details.

Ongoing Study Group on Sogyal Rinpoche's *The Tibetan Book of Living & Dying*. Spons by the Gay Buddhist Fraternity. 7-9:30 pm at SF Dharmadhatu, 1630 Taraval, btwn 26th & 27th Aves, SF. Call 974-9878 for GBF bulletin board & voicemail service.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: "Art & the Politics of Midwifery," a talk by practicing midwife Susan Claypool. Discussion on midwife training, the legal situation in California, and the special affinity of lesbians for midwifery. Great birth stories too! 7 pm. 1009 Valencia St, SF. $3-10 donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: 821-4676.

Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers salute American Music Week with "Marches, Tangos & Music of Mystery," a concert of new music. 7 pm, $6. People with AIDS may attend for free. 48 Belcher St, SF. Info: 333-2755.

Chanticleer Concert at Calvary Presbyterian: See 11/6 listing for details.

BACW Mid-Peninsula C&W Dance: Join Bay Area Career Women for country & western dance lessons in Redwood City. Tonight & 11/14 & 21, and 12/5. Info/location: Wendy 328-5825.

At Eichelberger's Restaurant: A night of fine cabaret with Connie Champagne and her "Mambo Italiano," plus delicious "Sunday Night Pasta Party," featuring a set price dim sum style pasta extravaganza. Call 863-4177 for res/info. 2742 17th St at Florida (2 blocks past Folsom), SF.

All-Male Revue at Cafe Du Nord with Robbie D, Sean Owens' Radio Take Theater, Johnny D, Rito Castellano II and emcee Derek Felton. 8:30 pm, $2. 2170 Market St at Sanchez, SF.

NOV 8 / MON

At Cover to Cover Booksellers: Book-signing by author Suzanne Fisher Staples (*Haveli, Shabanu*). 1-3 pm. 3910 24th St, SF. Info: 282-8080.

Reading & Talking Women Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 6:30 pm at 77 Waller St, SF for a potluck supper & discussion. Info: 626-7000.

DNCB: First of a 4-part series on this immune modulator, a popular non-toxic self-care alternative treatment for HIV/AIDS and other immune disorders. Tonight's program features a talk by Jim Henry, one of the founders of the Healing Alternatives Foundation and Blaine Elswood, an early advocate & user of DNCB. Spons by ACT UP-SF Alternative Treatments, Brothers Network, Alternative Alliance and the EACH Program. 7-9:30 pm at City of Refuge Community Church, 754 14th St at Belcher (behind Church Street Station), SF. Free, donations appreciated.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Reading by Perry Brass, a gay writer whose gay science fiction books, *Mirage* and *Circles*, have been recently banned in Canada by Canadian Customs authorities. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret: 8 pm, $5. Emcee Scott Capurro. Aspiring lesbian & gay comics sign up by phone. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

British Author AS Byatt (*Shadow of a Sun, The Game, The Virgin in the Garden, Still Life, Possession*) in an onstage interview with Robert Hass. Part of Friends of the SF Public Library's 13th Annual Literary Events Series, produced by City Arts & Lectures. 8 pm at Herbst Theatre, Van Ness at McAllister, SF. Tix $14. Info/res: 392-4400.

NOV 9 / T U E

Applied Meditation Intuitive Problem Solving: Wkshop with Margo Adair. Learn skills to enhance creativity, avoid burnout, transform defeatist thinking, establish & align yourself with your goals, reclaim psychic awarness & healing powers. Training integrates politics & spirituality. 4 Tues eves (11/9, 16, 23, 30) and one Sat (12/4). SL fee, meets in SF. Info/reg: 861-6347.

At Alexander Book Co: Author Grant Michaels reads from his latest Stan Kraychick mystery, *Dead on Your Feet* 6 pm. 50 2nd St, SF. Info: 495-2992.

"My experiences with Peace Pilgrim," a talk by professional astrologer Connie Collier. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Center, Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

Gay Men's Sketch: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by African American model Renwick Westbrook. 7 pm. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.

National Writers Union celebrates the 2nd annual Writers' Rights Day: 7:30 pm panel discussion, followed by question and answer period focusing on the possibilities & perils faced by writers in the new world of electronic publishing. Topics discussed include hypertext, multimedia publishing and copyright issues. Program includes reception with no-host bar. SF Press Club, 555 Post St, SF. Parking available at Union Street garage. Tix $4-10 SL donation. Info: (510) 526-4574.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Convicted felon & journalist Dannie Martin and *SF Chronicle* "Sunday Punch" editor Peter Sussman discuss *Committing Journalism,* a collection of Martin's writings with commentary by Sussman on Martin's life and their collaboration. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Ruth Frankenberg discusses her new book, *White Women, Race Matters*. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Author Richard Rodriquez *Hunger of Memory; Days of Obligation: An Argument with My Mexican Father*) gives a lecture as part of the Literary Events at Dominican series, produced by City Arts & Lectures & Dominican College. Rodriquez' controversial opinions on education, assimilation & affirmative action have been greeted with both acclaim & contention. 8 pm, $14. Angelico Hall, Dominican College, Grand Avenue at Acacia, San Rafael. Info/res: 392-4400.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Joan Drury, author of feminist mystery novel, *The Other Side of Silence*. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4676. $3-10 donation, no one turned away for lack of funds.

Voices Auditions— Voices: Bay Area Lesbian Choral Ensemble, directed by Melanie DeMore, holds auditions for new singers. The Ensemble is committed to musical excellence and lesbian visibility. Choral experience and music reading skills preferred. Lesbians of color are especially encouraged to apply. Rehearsals on Tues eves. Info: (510) 486-8984.

"Patrick Murphy Is Not Promiscuous: Scenes from the life of a Sexworker," show written & performed by Gregory O'Neill. Special benefit performance tonight at Theatre Rhino Studio, 2926 16th St, SF. 9 pm, $5. Proceeds benefit Service Station Queer Design Cooperative.

Comic Rob Nash in his one-man comedy, "12 Steps to a More Dysfunctional You," one-night only at Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933. 8 pm, $10.

Erotica SF show airs tonight at 9:30 pm on SF Cable Channel 47. Program features sex-positive television from the SF Bay Area.

NOV 10 / WED

Women's Health Advisory Committee of the SF Dept of Public Health holds a series of hearings for women clients of public health services. The Committee hopes to find out what works for women and what needs to change. Today's 5:45-8:30 pm hearing is for sex workers, youth, women with disabilities & African-American women. 11/13 hearing, held from 11:30 am-2:30 pm, is for homeless women, elder women, Native American women, Asian American women & Middle Eastern women, Latinas, and women with chronic illness. These focus groups will meet at 25 Van Ness Ave, nr Market (BART, Muni & wheelchair accessible). Meal and on-site childcare provided. Info: Rachel, Nancy or Julia 252-2570.

Women Who Kill Their Batterers in Self Defense: A lecture/discussion by Harriette Davis & Minouche Kandel. 6:30-8 pm, $5. Spons by UCSF Rape Prevention Education Program. UCSF Toland Hall, 533 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-5222.

Jewish Parents of Lesbians & Gay Men: Monthly discussion group spons by Kavod/Jewish Family Service of Santa Clara County meets 7-8:30 pm at 987 University Ave, Ste 27, Los Gatos. Free. Info: Karen Belford, MSW at (408) 399-2202.

Concerned Parents & others meet to discuss the Sharon Bottoms case, see Parents & Kidsbox.

Virginia Child Custody Infamy: Meeting spons by Lesbian & Gay Parenting Group to discuss the Sharon Bottoms case. See Parents & Kidsbox for details.

"Jobs, the Economy & the Community," a lecture by distinguished economist Arthur I Blaustein, former chairman of the President's National Advisory Council on Economic Opportunity. 7 pm at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, 220 Danvers near Caselli, SF. Spons by the Clinton/Gore Democratic Club of SF. Free. Public welcome. Info: 252-9123.

At ClaireLight Women's books: Suzanne Lovell, PhD, discusses the art therapy that helped to heal her own bout with cancer. 7 pm, $6-10 SL donation. Proceeds benefit the Women's Learning Center. 519 Mendocino Ave #101, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

At A Clean Well Lighted Place for Books: Kenneth Davis discusses his new book, *Don't Know Much About Geography*, an examination of the vital connection geography has to our daily lives. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Writers Salon at Tea Spot Cafe: For poets & writers exploring issues of vision & visibility. Chapbooks & broadsides with Dale Going, founder of EM Press and Denise Newman as featured readers. Open mike at 6:30 pm, featured readers begin at 7:30 pm. Free. 2072 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 848-7376.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Historian Frank Kofsky discusses his book, *Harry S Truman and the War Scare of 1948*, which reveals how & why the Truman Administration helped construct the Cold War. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

At A New Leaf Bookstore: "Financial Balance," a talk by Nancy Prince Hanson. 7:30 pm, $5. Learn how to take charge of your finances. 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

Local Sexpert Susie Bright reads from her just-published anthology, *Best American Erotica*. 7:30 pm, free. The Booksmith, 1644 Haight St, SF. Info: 863-8868.

NY performer Reno at Josie's Cabaret, see 11/5.

Renowned singing duo Romanovsky & Phillips at the Freight & Salvage, 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. 8 pm. Tix $10.50 adv, $12.50 at door. Info/res: (510) 548-1761. Tix at BASS.

NOV 11 / T H U

Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Campus Radical Women Mtg: "Building Revolutionary Feminist Leadership for the '90s" is the topic of this afternoon's campus Radical Women meeting. 3-5 pm at SF State University Student Union, Alumni Conference Room A-E. Snacks available for a donation. Info: 864-1278 or 752-3943.

Writing Your Resume: The Basics. A 3-hour job search strategies workshop for midlife women, facilitated by Sheila Weisblatt, MS, career consultant. 6-9 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Spons by Options for Women Over 40. Info/reg: 431-6405.

The Body Politic: Fundraiser presented by the National Women's Political Caucus. SF's finest new fashion designers clothe our celebrated politicians. Models: Lynn Woolsey, John Garamendi, Quentin Kopp, Willie Brown, Justice Edward Panelli, Frank Jordan, Louise Renne, Doris Ward, Arlo Smith; SF Supervisors Angela Alioto, Sue Bierman, Annemarie Conroy, Terence Hallinan, Barbara Kaufman, Willie Kennedy, Susan Leal, Bill Maher & Kevin Shelley; Tom Amnmiano, Steve Phillips, Jill Wynns, Leland Yee, Robert Burton, Maria Monet, Mabel Teng, Robert Varni, Rose Gilbault, Phil Matier & Barbara Taylor. Light fare at 6:30 pm, no-host bar. Fashion show 8-9 pm. The Indigo Ballroom, 915 Columbus St, SF. Info/res: 292-5811.

SF Organizing Mtg for Stonewall 25: Meeting to plan the Global March & Rally on the United Nations, commemorating 1969's Stonewall Rebellion for gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender rights, to be held in New York City in 230 days. 7-10 pm at City College Downtown, 800 Mission St at 4th, SF. Room 625. Parking available across street, accessible by Muni #14 or Powell Street Station BART. Info: Bob Lewis 821-1142 (hm) or 750-5649 (wk) or Deborah Oakley-Melvin 648-6251.

Update on Haiti: Students Against Intervention in Central America sponsor tonight's program focused on the escalating tensions & political violence in Haiti. Speakers include Terry Mulen, a Bay Area human rights activist recently returned from Haiti and Dumase, an exiled Haitian activist. Program includes Haitian food & music, plus screening of film by Kevin Pina updating viewers on the present situation in Haiti. Wheelchair Accessible, childcare provided with 24 hrs adv notice. 7 pm, free. 186 Dwinelle Hall, UC Berkeley (near Bancroft & Telegraph). Info: (510) 839-5016.

At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse: Joan Drury reads from her new murder mystery, *The Other Side of Silence*. 7:30 pm, free. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

James White Review: 10th anniversary celebration of the gay men's literary quarterly. 7:30 pm at Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

The James White Review 10th Anniversary Celebration: Features reading by local Bay Area authors: Larry Bob, Kevin Killian, Lucas Dedrick, Alden Reimonenq, Michael Smith, John Gil, Tom Burke & others. 7:30 pm, free. Modern Times Bookstore, 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Max Dashu of Suppressed Histories Archives presents her slideshow, "The Women's Mysteries," a look at the sacraments of life and death as celebrated by women. 7:30 pm. 1009 Valencia St, SF. $3-10 SL donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: 821-4676.

Gina Fields and Fontana Butterfield "Jump the Broom" at Theatre Rhinoceros. Check OnStage for details. Photo by Steve Savage.

NY performer Reno at Josie's Cabaret, see 11/5.

Poet/essayist Darrell g.h. Schramm reads poems and an essay from John Preston's anthology, *A Member of the Family*. 8 pm at Forest Books, 3080 16th St nr Valencia, SF.

James Broughton's Birthday Celebration: Distinguished poet/filmmaker returns to the Bay Area from his new home in Washington to celebrate his 80th birthday. Festive event co-spons by Cinematheque & City Lights Books. Broughton introduces a screening of three films & signs copies of his newly-published memoirs, *Coming Unbuttoned*. 8 pm, $6 gen'l, $3 srs & disabled. SF Art Institute, 800 Chestnut St, SF. Info: 558-8129.

S/M Sex Club for Women at Eros, 2051 Market St, SF. Doors open 8-10 pm, party till 2 am. No alcohol/drugs, please. Safer sex supplies provided. Come help keep women's s/m spaces alive! Info: 333-1723.

"Journey," a full-length dance work by Junge & Co., presented by Dancers' Group/Footwork as part of their Bread & Butter Series. 11/11-13 and 11/18-20 at 8:30 pm, $10. 3221 22nd St at Mission, SF. Info: 824-5044.

At Komotion Int'l: *The Rhythm Pigs* plus *Bouncing Souls* and *Victim's Family*. 9 pm, $5. 2779 16th St, SF. Info: 861-6423.

NOV 12 / F R I

The Experience, Inc: Powerful, affirming weekend to "support people to function more powerfully so that together we can move more rapidly toward manifesting the vision that it is absolutely okay to be lesbian or gay." Uses a series of guided visualizations, writing exercises and processes in a safe & supportive environment, allowing participants to focus on their needs & goals and examine how beliefs accepted in childhood or adolescence may, consciously or unconsciously, be guiding the decisions & strategies made in adulthood. Today & tmw, SF location. Info/res: Bruce Crawford 824-7157.

At A New Leaf Bookstore: "False Memory Syndrome," a discussion of this condition, which has received much media attention lately, purporting to describe what happens when unwitting therapists impalnt false memories of childhood abuse in their clients. Marin psychiatrist Robert Rosenthal discusses the basis for these allegations and how they stand up in light of what is known about memory & trauma. 7:30 pm, $5. 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

Nomenus & the Radical Faeries present an evening of reading, ritual & celebration, a publication party for Randy F Conner's *Blossom of Bone: Reclaiming the Connections Between Homoeroticism & the Sacred*. Conner reads at 8 pm, followed by ritual & party from 9 pm-midnight. Tix $5-15, no one turned away for lack of funds. All proceeds benefit Nomenus' Radical Faery Sanctuary. 848 Divisadero St nr Fulton, SF.

At A Clean Well Lighted Place for Books: Alison Owings discusses her book of interviews with 29 disparate German women who lived in Germany through the Third Reich, *Frauen: German Women Recalling the Third Reich*. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Nightscene, gay & lesbian cable show, airs tonight, see 11/5.

Celebrated author Patricia Nell Warren (*The Frontrunner*) reads excerpts from her landmark novel about the gay relationship between an Olympic track star & his coach. Warren also reads an excerpt from the long-awaited sequel to her novel, *Harlan's Race*, scheduled to be published next year. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Editor Franklin Abbott and contributors to *Boyhood—Growing Up Male: A Multicultural Anthology* read from their work. 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

NY performer Reno at Josie's Cabaret, see 11/5.

"After the Dye Job: Post-Stonewall Artists of African Descent," an eve of poetry, visual arts and discussion by Post-Stonewall artists of African descent working to challenge internally & externally imposed borders of sexism, homophobia, racism & classism. Artists include: Laurens Van Slytman, curator/moderator, a Guyanese-born poet/performance artist and founder of Let's Call It A Riot, an SF-based guerilla theatre organization. Tequin, a Black lesbian visual artist/filmmaker, who recently created a tribute to Marlon Riggs & Issac Julian. Marvin K White, poet/performer whose works have appeared in *The Road Before Us: 100 Gay Black Poets*, and draws connections between faggotry, maleness, Blackness, heart, soul, head, family & communities. 8 pm, $4. Small Press Distribution, 1814 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 549-3077.

The Tim & Connie Show at Lily's: See 11/5.

NOV 13 / S A T

BACW Marin Discount Shopper's Express: Get a head start on your holiday shopping—vanpool to the 145 factory stores at the Nut Tree in Vacaville and shop till you drop with Bay Area Career Women (plus eat lunch and get back in time for the Golden Girls Dance). $13 includes transportation to and from Vacaville and other goodies. Info: 383-6737.

Project Inform AIDS Treatment Information Hotline Training: Today & tmw, 10 am-4 pm. PI's toll-free hotline fields more than 50,000 calls per year and serves a wide range of constituents from all the communities affected by AIDS, including men, women & children who are HIV-positive, nurses, doctors & other service providers, friends & family members. A related mail service provides callers with up-to-date info. All services are free. Volunteers answer hotline calls for one 3-hour shift per week, and are asked to make a commitment for a minimum of four months. Shifts are Mon-Sat, 10 am-1 pm and 1 pm-4 pm. Women & people of color are strongly encouraged to participate. Info: Ben Collins 558-8669.

Dreamwork Group spons by Spectrum Center for Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Concerns. 6-wk group led by Joan Robinson. For people interested in working on their dreams. Group meets 10:30 am-noon at Robson House in San Anselmo, 11/13-12/18. Info/reg: Joan Robinson 457-4533. Pre-group interview required.

Women's Health Advisory Committee of the SF Dept of Public Health holds focus groups for women clients—see 11/10.

Garage Sale Benefit for Whiptail Lizard Lounge, alternative dyke space in the Castro. Noon-4 pm. Clean out your closets & bring it all down, or come spend some money! Info: 267-6979.

Women Speak Out about rape, women's human rights & violence against women. Two women from the Philippines, one a women's movement leader and the other a survivor of Japanese sexual slavery during WWII, speak in the Bay Area as part of their national speaking tour. Nelia Sancho, founder of GABRIELA, the Philippines' national women's coalition, and Amonita Balajadia, a former "comfort woman," speak on violence against women as a human rights issue. Program also features Bay Area poets June Jordan and Janice Mirikitani. Spons by GABRIELA Network and Speak Out. 7:30 pm, $7-25. Proceeds benefit the Comfort Women campaign. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Reception held for both women on 11/14, 1-3:30 pm at Ohana Cultural Center, 43445 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Tix $15-50, features Filipino food & music. Info: 864-4561.

At Cover to Cover Booksellers: Author Naomi Wolf signs copies of her books (*Fire with Fire, Beauty Myth*). 3-4 pm. 3910 24th St, SF. Info: 282-8080.

BACW Sonoma Potluck Video & Games Night: Join Bay Area Career Women for a night of video and/or board games. Info/location: Teri 523-8176.

Gay, Lesbian & Bi Buddhist Gathering: An eve of meditation, Dharma talk & getting to know each other. Bring a cushion if you have one, cushions & refreshments will be provided. 7-10 pm at the Women's Building, Dining Hall, 3543 18th St, SF. Spons by Dharma Sisters; refreshments spons by Gay Buddhist Fraternity. Info: Dharma Sisters 826-7990.

Leather to Lace: Holiday extravaganza for men & women. A fun-filled eve of guest models featuring uniquely designed fashions by Megan Moser of Designer at Heart, featuring a new line in leather. Affordable men, women & unisex fashions. Models: Graylin of Int'l Mr Drummer, Pauline Dasper of Deja Blu, Ken Yaeger, trustee of San Jose's Evergreen Community College, Vina, Miss Gay South Bay and Gabrielle Antolovich, addiction outreach worker. 7 pm, $3-5 SL donation. No one turned away for lack of funds. Proceeds benefit Billy DeFrank Community Center. 175 Stock-

ton Ave at San Jose. Info: (408) 293-2429.

Meeting Men Party: Meet men in a nurturing atmosphere. Get below the surface, build rapport, make heart connections. Discover the path of gay intimacy. Exploration of '90s masculinity—learn to create more meaningful relationships in a friendly, attitude-free environment. 7-11 pm, $20. Refreshments served. Facilitated by Ed Tucker & Tommy Phillips, spons by the Human Awareness Institute. No alcohol, smoking or sex. Space limited. Info/res: 239-7839. Tix available at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF.

Eroticist/Editor Susie Bright celebrates the publication of her anthology, *The Best American Erotica, 1993*, an unprecedented collection of fine erotic literature featuring work by Anne Rice, Nicholson Baker, Robert Silverberg and others. 7 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852. **At Boadecia's Books:** Spotlight on books for lesbian & gay youth. Panel of local authors (Hilary Mullins, Linnea Due & Rik Insensee) read from and discuss their work. 7 pm. 398 Colusa Ave at Colusa Circle, Kensington/North Berkeley. Info: (510) 559-9184.

Author Patricia Nell Warren, whose explosive novel, *The Front Runner*, about the gay relationship between an Olympic track star & his coach, became a bestseller and a classic in the gay community, makes a rare personal appearance at a reception in her honor, spons by SF Frontrunners. For info/location call John Durkin at 863-0954. Warren will also appear at A Different Light Bookstore on 11/12, see listing.

At Mama Bears: Contemporary Japanese & wold music with *Pacific Rim Trio* (Kristin Zoernig, Randy Israel & Kim Oswalt), plus erotic poetry reading by Sandy Boucher. 8 pm, $10. Women only. Reservations suggested. Info/res: (510) 428-9684.

New Work by Stephen Pelton & Philip Horvitz. Night of new dance/performance material at New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St, SF. 8 pm, $8. Tonight & tmw. Info/res: 863-9834.

Nancy Vogl in Concert at IMA Cultural Center/Studio Retreat, 585 Salmon Creek Road, Bodega Bay. Folk/country. 8 pm, $12. Info/res: (707) 876-3004.

NY performer Reno at Josie's Cabaret, see 11/5.

Comic Shan Carr, funnywoman who first came out with a "Jewish radical feminist separatist s/m dyke into witchcraft" at summer camp, tickles your funnybone tonight at New College, 777 Valencia St, SF. Doors open at 7:30 pm, show starts at 8. Tix $7 at door, also available at Different Light Bookstore, SF. Don't miss!

At Sacred Grounds Cafe: Caesar Chavez tribute, with Scarecrow, Lee Goland, Bob Randolf and Blackberri. 15 percent of proceeds benefit UFW, Greenpeace or Rock Against Racism. 8 pm. 2095 Hayes St, SF.

Gemelan Sekar Jaya present a concert of the music & dance of Bali at Cowell Theater, Ft Mason Center, SF. 8 pm. Tix $12 gen'l, $10 stdnts, srs & low income. Info/res: City Box Office 392-4400.

Fred Small in Concert at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1550 Meridian Ave (nr Hamilton), San Jose. Only Bay Area performance this Fall! Spons by Silicon Valley Gay Men's Chorus of San Jose. Special guest performers: *Entourage!* WA & SIGN provided. Tix $14 gen'l, $9 stdnts & srs; $15 gen'l at door, $10 srs & stdnts at door. Tix/info: (408) 275-6344.

Bren Chambers & Marilyn Van Veersen in concert at First Unitarian Church, 685 14th St, corner of Castro, Oakland. 8 pm, $10 adv, $12 at door. Proceeds benefit Mesa Institute. Info: (510) 763-9228.

Poker & Games Night at Whiptail Lizard Lounge: Tired of the bars & clubs? Come check out alternative dyke space in the Castro. 8-11 pm, free. All women are welcome. Info: 267-6979. 4035 18th St, SF.

Safe Nightlife in the Mission: Program presented by Komotion Int'l. Eve of music & info on the issue of women's safety. Event begins with women's self-defense wkshop at 8:30 pm, led by Cotton Batte (women only); followed by music by *Van Gogh's Daughters, Hunted by Waters* and *Riot Goin' On*. Also literature presentation by Nina Haft of SAFE (Safety Awareness for Everyone). Music starts at 9 pm, everyone welcome. Tix $5. 2779 16th St, SF. Info: 861-6423.

The Tim & Connie Show at Lily's: See 11/5. Final performance!

Jill Knight in Concert at Tea Spot Cafe: 9 pm, $7. 2072 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 848-7376.

Singer/composer Emily Bezar makes two Bay Area appearances, tonight & 11/17, to celebrate the release of her debut CD, "Grandmother's Tea Leaves." Bezar performs selections tonight at 9 pm at Berkeley Store Gallery, 2230 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley (tix $5, call 510/649-0272) and 11/17 at the Hotel Utah, 500 4th St at Bryant, SF (tix $3, call 415/421-8308).

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Scott Silverman, Liz Olsen & Michael T. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Eddie Blandini & Friends II, a benefit concert for the Immune Enhancement Project; featuring Philip Casey at piano and special guests Arturo Galster and Truse Pretto. Jewish Community Center, 3200 California (at Presidio), 7:30 pm; suggested donation $10.

NOV 14 / SUN

Napa Valley Skyline Wilderness Park/Bay Area Ridge Trail hike with SF Hiking Club: Hiking distance 9 miles, 875 ft total elevation gain. 1oundtrip auto mileage from SF—100 miles, auto travel cost $16 (includes bridge tolls & parking fee) to be shared among passengers. Bring lunch, plenty of water, hat for shade & sunscreen, also rain gear. Rain cancels. Meet 9 am at the big Safeway sign, Market & Dolores, SF or 10:30 am at the parking area, Skyline Wilderness Park, east end of Imola Ave in Napa. Info: (707) 553-8726.

"Women's Way," a women's and girls' Run/Walk, spons by Health Net. Event for women & girls of all ages benefits ten nonprofit women's organizations. Spons by Options for Women Over 40. Honorary Chair: Anna Chavez, co-anchor of KPIX-5 Eyewitness News. The 10K & 5K run and 3 mile walk feature commemorative t-shirts, a pledge contest, random prize drawing, refreshments, entertainment and an awards ceremony. Registration begins at 8 am, free warm up clinic held at 8:30 am, contest begins at 9 am. Golden Gate Park, SF. For reg & pledge forms call the hotline: 431-6944.

BACW Sonoma Adopt-A-Highway Honeys: Join Bay Area Career Women as they help the environment and share a delicious potluck brunch! For details call Christine 996-1550 BEFORE 8 pm.

Communication Wkshop for Gay & Lesbian Couples: Spons by Kavod (Jewish Family Service) and Billy DeFrank Lesbian & Gay Community Center. 1-day experiential workshop focuses on building communication skills & addressing issues of autonomy & intimacy. Facilitated by Karen Belford, MSW. 10 am-4 pm, $25 per couple. Info/reg: Karen Belford 399-2202.

Basic Guitar Wkshops facilitated by singer/songwriter Nancy Vogl. Spons by Institute for the Musical Arts (IMA). 11 am-1 pm, "Basic Guitar: Lifestime Skill Building," use your instrument to communicate more effectively by learning simple finger exercise & practicing techniques, $25. 1:30-3:30 pm, "Songwriting for Social Change," Vogl shares the process behind her work and invites participants to share their material for discussion; $25. Bring examples of your work. At IMA Center/Retreat, 585 Salmon Creek Road, Bodega Bay. Info/reg: (707) 876-3004.

Potluck Brunch for Men: Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Noon-3 pm at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Bring a dish to share. Info: 626-7000.

Whiptail Lizard Lounge: Lesbian resource center and hang-out space in the Castro. All women are welcome! Noon-9 pm. Open collective meeting at 7 pm. 4035 18th St, SF. Info: 267-6979.

Women Speak Out: Reception held for Nelia Sancho of GABRIELA and Amonita Blajadia, former "comfort woman," see 11/13.

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"Blending Families at Holiday Time," a discussion spons by Spectrum Center for Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Concern's Lesbian & Gay Parents Group. 11/19, 7-9 pm. First Presbyterian Church of San Rafael, corner of 5th & E Sts, San Rafael. In the Geneva Room. Childcare provided, $2 per family. Newcomers welcome! Info: Spectrum 457-1115.

Annual "Choosing Children" Seminar spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, thru 12/20. Panel discussions every Mon evening on specific topics related to becoming a parent, and on the variety of choices possible in the creation of lesbian, gay & bisexual families. Fee: $12/evening or $79 for all 7 sessions, work exchange available, call 565-7674. Early registration strongly suggested.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services Parenting Program provides a wide variety of parenting resources, for details call 565-7674. 1748 Market St, Ste 201, SF.

The Alternative Family Project offers low-fee family counseling services for children, youth & families with lesbian, gay and/or bisexual members. Individual & family therapy and group for young adults raised in gay and/or lesbian headed families is available. Info: Alternative Family Project 550-2621.

Randall Museum Programs: Workshops & classes for all ages, kids under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Plenty of free parking available. Sat workshops begin at 1 pm and last 1-2 hrs, sign-ups begin at 12:30, call 554-9600 for details. **Saturdays in November:** 11/6, $3/person: **Wicker Baskets** with Margaret Goodale. Learn to weave simple wicker baskets. For kids ages 6 & up, under 8 with adult. 11/13, $3/person: **Clay Whistles** with Julie Dodd Tezlaff. Make fun whistles out of clay. 11/20, $4/person: **Handmade Paper Wkshop**. Make paper for decorative holiday cards & gifts, using natural & recycled wrapping paper, ribbons & metallic foils. 11/27, $3/person: **Everyday Animal Feasts** with Eise Hillend. Come find out what the animals who live a the museum eat, and why. **Other Saturday Programs:** Free **"Animal Talk,"** at 2:15 pm every Sat. **Model Railroad Exhibit** 2nd & 4th Sat, 1-4 pm. 199 Museum Way, SF. Spons by the SF Recreation & Parks Dept.

Randall Museum Afterschool Classes: The museum offers many dynamic afterschool classes, including "Gizmos & Electricity," for kids ages 9-12, "Earthkeeper Kids," for kids ages 6-11, "Clowning Around," ages 5-7 and "Stage Puppets," ages 9-12. Parent/child classes (ages 3-6, with adult), teen ceramics classes & adult classes are also offered. Info: 554-9600.

Bay Area Discovery Museum offers a wide variety of classes & programs for kids & parents. Adv reg required. **Schedule—**11/6, 11 am-3 pm, $4: **3rd Annual Dia de los Muertos/Mexican Day of the Dead Family Celebration**. Includes dancing with the Teokalli Aztec Dancers, building a community altar, making traditional Mexican crafts. 11/7, 1-3 pm, $10/child: "Out & About: From Start to Finish," wkshop with naturalist Mandi Billinge teaches about food cycles, making compost systems, plant growth, etc. Kids take home their own compost starter set, complete with worms! Saturdays, 11/6-20, 10-11 am, $40 for series (covers parent, child & materials): **Clay Play: Parent/Tot Ceramics Wkshops.** Age-appropriate classes designed to develop artistic skills using clay. For ages 2-3, with parents. 11/7, 1-3 pm, $10/child: **Harvest & Holiday Art: Origami Harvest Books**. Wkshop with Mardi Burnham. Make leaf rubbings & printing with corn & carved pieces of pumpkin & apple, mount the work into an origami folded book. For all ages, kids under 6 with adult. 11/13, noon-2 pm, $10/child, for kids ages 6 & up: **Ceramics: Beastie Banks** Wkshop. Mold animals of your choice into piggy banks for your pennies. 11/13, 1-3 pm, $10/child, for kids of all ages, under 6 with adult: **Hawley's Art Corner: Harvest Tools**. Sculptural wkshop with Hawley Hussey uses wood, metal, papier mache & found materials to create fairy shovels & planting sticks for your dream garden. 11/14, 1-3 pm, kids of all ages, under 6 with adult, $10/child: **Harvest & Holiday Art: Paper Lanterns** Wkshop with Mardi Burnham. Construct paper lanterns on wire frames, use natural dyes made from berries, beets & coffee to paint them with beautiful hues. 557 East Fort Baker, Sausalito. 332-7674.

Children's Progams at Ft Mason Center: **Make-A-Circus** offers participatory arts/social services, workshops, theater performances & community shows. Teens are encouraged to apply for the apprenctice program. Others services include "clown therapy." Bldg C. 776-8477. **SF Children's Art Center** offers classes for children ages 2-12 in drawing, printmaking & sculpture. Small classes ensure individual attention. Pro-rated enrollment, drop-in classes & art birthday parties available. Bldg C; 771-0292. **Young Performers Theatre** features ongoing dramatic classes & productions for children ages 3 & above. Bldg C; 346-5550. **Jing Mo Athletic Association** Gung-fu for exercise & self-defense. Kids & adults. $35-25/mo. Bldg C. Call 753-1269 for further info.

Spirit Theatre Dance Studio Children's Cultural Arts Afterschool Program offers West African dance class for kids. Info: (510) 849-3232.

Kids 'N' Clay Pottery Studio offers pottery classes in the Eastbay. Affordable, ongoing weekly classes for kids ages 7 & up. $14.50 per class, class size kept low to assure personal attention. For schedules & other info call (510) 486-1797. Located behind the North Berkeley BART Station. Adult classes also offered.

Talent Education: Parents/Kids Wkshops. For ages 4 & up. Recorders /Flauta Dulce provided. Traditional music also. Experienced, supportive instructor. 11/9-21. Noe Valley location. Info/reg: 550-6881.

Pick-up Basketball Games for kids ages 3-6 begin Sat, 11/13 at the Jewish Community Center of SF, 3200 California St, SF. Monthly program led by JCC basketball coaches. Includes basic instruction, skills building & team play. Boys & girls are welcome, snacks provided. 6:30-10 pm, $12. Info/reg: Jackie Lewis, 346-6040 ext 3041.

For Kids at La Pena: 3105 Shattuck Ave nr Woolsey St, Berkeley; (510) 849-2568. Sat morning programs, 10:30 am, kids $2, adults $3. **Schedule—**11/6, Nicte Ordonez presents "La Hormitguita," an original bilingual story with puppets & songs. 11/13: John Carter sings songs of Northern Calif for kids of all ages. 11/20: The Boogie Down Jugglers return with artful juggling & great humor, fun for all ages! 11/27: Sing & dance with the Plum City Players—Bonnie Lockhart, Nancy Schimmel & Anny Hershey. **Special Program—**11/13: 3 pm, $5-7. An afernoon storytelling extravaganza featuring African, Native American, Chicano & Puerto Rican tales for kids & adults.

For Kids at Cody's Books: 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley; (510) 845-7852. **11/21, 1-3 pm:** Laura Numeroff, author of *If You Give A Mouse a Cookie* and *If You Give a Moose a Muffin*, reads and signs copies of her new book, *Dogs Don't Wear Sneakers*, a lively, laugh-along book that explores the many ways we differ from our furry, feathery & finny friends.

For Kids at A New Leaf: 11/13, 7:30 pm. Puppet show with premier French puppeteer Bruno Frascone. Fun for kids of all ages. $5 admission, kids under 3 are free. 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

Jack Takes It Back! An urban fairytale by SF Mime Troupe's "Second Stage". Revival of their popular production, a modern-day version of the classic children's tale "Jack & the Beanstalk." This '90s interpretation is a musical comedy that deals with the effects of the recession on the lives of children, especially in regard to school budget cuts, as it tells the story of a huge Giant that eats teachers and a young Jack who stands up for the rights of children, "taking back" what is rightfully theirs. Show runs 11/6-7, 13-14, 20-21 at 2 pm at Teatro Mision, Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission St, SF. Tix $5 adults, $3 kids, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: 285-1717.

Remy Charlip moderates panel discussion, "Writing Tolerance: Why Books for Lesbian/Gay Teens & Parents," at the SF Book Fair. Panel discusses books on gay & lesbian parenting, growing up gay & lesbian and other gay & lesbian issues. Panelists include local authors Rik Isensee, Cristina Salat and Hillary Mullins, also the publisher of Alyson Wonderland Books, Sasha Alyson. 11/6 at 3:30 pm. SF Concourse, corner of 8th & Brannan, SF. Info: 861-BOOK.

Writing for Kids in Gay/Lesbian Families: Reading & discussion at Old Wives' Tales Bookstore with authors Sarita Johnson-Calvo (*A Beach Party With Alexism*), Christina Salat (*Living in Secret*) and others. Discuss current books for children & teens that offer positive depictions of gay & lesbian families. Kids are especially welcome! 11/14, 6-8 pm. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4676.

"When Teasing Goes Over The Line: Children & Sexual Harrassment at School," a lecture/discussion with Louise Brawdy & Linda Purrington. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center & Child & Elder Care Referral Service. 11/11, 7-9 pm, free. Toland Hall, UCSF, 533 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-5222.

Virginia Child Custody Infamy: Meeting 11/10 at 7 pm to discuss what to do for Sharon Bottoms, the lesbian mother in Virginia who recently lost custody of her son because of her sexual orientation. Everyone welcome, childcare provided. Features speakers from Nat'l Ctr for Lesbian Rights and Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. Spons by the Lesbian & Gay Parenting Group. Buena Vista School, on 25th St, one block east of Potrero, SF.

Concerned Parents & Others meet 11/10 at 7 pm to discuss how to respond to the Sharon Bottoms custody case in Virginia, and similar cases around the country where gay & lesbian parents are losing custody of their kids. Meeting held at New College, 50 Fell St, SF.

PLEASE NOTE: *Don't forget to check the Parenting sections of the Open Exchange Classifieds and the Resource Guide for more parenting resources.*

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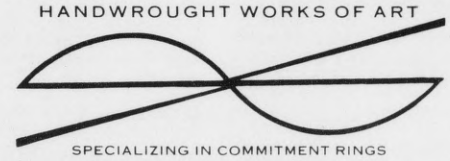

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Old Lesbians Reading: Dottie Fowler, Bev Hickok & Kate Rosenblatt read from their work. 3 pm. 145 Guerrero St, SF. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Suggested donation, $3-5. Info: 626-7000.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: "Writing for Kids in Lesbian & Gay Families," a talk with authors Sarita Johnson-Calvo (*A Beach Party with Alexis*) and Christina Salat (*Living in Secret*. Discussion of current books for children & teens offering positive depictions of life in lesbian & gay families. Kids are especially welcome! 1009 Valencia St, SF. 6-8 pm. $3-10 SL donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: 821-4676.

Gay Genealogists Mtg: Organizing meeting for gay men's genealogy discussion group. All levels, from beginners to professionals, are welcome. Info/location: Larry 647-0637 or Charles 647-0637.

BACW Mid-Peninsula C&W dance lessons, see 11/7.

NY perfomer Reno at Josie's Cabaret, see 11/5.

New Work by Stephen Pelton & Philip Horvitz at New Performance Gallery, see 11/13.

NOV 15 / MON

The Kindest Cut of All: Third annual cut-a-thon to benefit Oakland's Center for AIDS services and SF's AIDS Emergency Fund. Fifty salons, from Santa Rosa to San Jose, Lafayette to Fremont, participate in this event, with 100 percent of proceeds benefiting direct services for men, women & children with AIDS. Oakland's Ulee Esthetique will offer hair cuts only, from 10 am-4 pm. Everyone is welcome to call for an appt, or just drop by! All haircuts $25 today. 5940 College Ave, Oakl (2nd floor), call (510) 547-8192 for info/res. For full list of participating salons call (415) 621-6557.

"Gays & Lesbians in the Military: Where do we go from here?" A panel discussion spons by Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom (BALIF) and the SF Women Lawyer's Alliance. Panelists: Kate Dyer, former legislative assistant to Congressperson Gerry Studds. Zoe Dunning, Navy Lieutenant & Naval Academy graduate who is fighting the ban after having disclosed her lesbianism in reliance on President's Clinton's pledge. Margy G McNamara, mid-level litigation associate at Morrison & Foerster, representing Zoe Dunning. Moderator: Jeffrey Gibson, attorney at Goldstein & Gellman and West Coast Coordinator for the Campaign for Military Service. 6-6:15 registration, 6:15-8 pm program at Morrison & Foerster, Meeting Room 3A, 345 California St, SF. Tix: $20, payable at door. Info: Meriel Lindley 693-9505 or Susan Bluer 495-4747.

Women's Country Western Class & Dance in the Eastbay, see 11/5.

At Mama Bears: Bookparty for Judy Grahn, celebration of her new book, *Blood, Bread & Roses*. 7 pm. Info: (510) 428-9684.

DNCB: Part 2 of a 4-part series on this popular immune modulator (see 11/8). Tonight's program features talk by lay scientist and local DNCB expert Biili Goldberg and Mats Ernmark, organizer of the 1st Int'l Symposium on Induced Cellular Immunity in Stockholm, Sweden. 7-9:30 pm, City of Refuge Community Church, 754 14th St at Belcher (behind Church Street Station), SF.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Cartoonist Herbert Stansbury ("Smart Charts") discusses his new collection of the best of his cartoons, *Executive Smart Charts*. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Gay Comedy Open Mike with emcee Scott Capurro. 8 pm, $5. Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

NOV 16 / TUE

Surviving the Season of Sadness for Gays & Lesbians: A workshop on coping with loss during the holiday season. Facilitated by MaryAnne Schreder, founder & executive director of the Centre for Living with Dying. MaryAnne has held holiday grief seminars for thousands of individuals facing loss during the "season of joy". 5:30-9:30 pm, $45. Billy DeFrank Lesbian/Gay Community Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San José. Seating limited, pre-reg required. Info/reg: (408) 293-2429.

Media Alliance Annual MAMA Awards: Media Alliance honors Bay Area groups for their professional excellence and social commitment at this annual awards ceremony. This year's Golden Gadfly award for Lifetime Achievement goes to the SF Mime Troupe. 6:15 pm. Adv tix suggested. Tix $16 adv, $22 after 11/12. Cowell Theater, Ft Mason Center, SF. Info/res: 441-2557.

"Eating Well: Nutrition & HIV," a talk with Susan Lebe, MS, RD, of the Nutritional Services Department, Kaiser Medical Center-Oakland. Part of Kaiser's HIV Public Education Forum, a monthly series of meetings for people living with HIV, and their friends & family. 6:30-8 pm, room 1200C, 12th floor, Hospital Tower, Kaiser-Oakl, 280 West MacArthur Blvd, Oakl. No charge for meeting, t does not count as a medical office visit and no registration is required. Info: (510) 596-6848.

Video, *Art to Art:* *Expressions by Asian American Women*, screens tonight with reception at Asian Art Museum, SF. Produced by Asian Women United of California. Features artists Christine Chang, Christine Choy, Kavery Kaul, Chuleenan Setvilas, Pacita Abad, Hung Liu, Yong Soon Min & Barbara Takanga. Produced by video artist & SF resident, Valerie Soe. 6:30-8:30 pm. Tix $12 adv, $15 at door. Send checks payable to AWU to: Attn/Eliza Chan, 299 Santa Clara Ave, Oakl. For more info call (415) 751-2500.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: "Stories of the Heartfelt & Foolish," with storytellers Kate Luna, Georgia Churchill & Sandra Maclees. 7 pm, free. 519 Mendocino Ave #101, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

"The Regression Experience," a talk by hypnotherapist Stephen Poplin. Includes discussion on the varieties of past-life recall. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

Author David Schneider reads from *Street Zen*. 7:30 pm, free. The Booksmith, 1644 Haight St, SF. Info: 863-8868.

Sierra Club Mtg on Donner Party. 7:30 pm. 730 Polk St, SF. 4th floor. Spons by Gay/Lesbian Sierrans.

Pagan Ritual & Magic for Women: Twelve-week series of classes. Tonight's program topics: Intro to Wicca, How to Get Started, Elements & Use of the Altar. 7:30-9:30 pm, beginners welcome! Taught by Pati McDermott, CHT. $20-25 per class, $180-300 for series, $33-50 for two classes together, $50-75 for three. Partial work exchange available, no one turned away for lack of funds. Near Rockridge BART. Info/res: (510) 652-6355.

"I've Been Queer for 100 Years," a night of solo performance with Johnny D. A paean to queer working folk—from coal miners to go-go dancers. 8 pm, $5. Tonight & 11/23 & 30 at Build, 483 Guerrero St nr 17th, SF. Seating limited. Info/res: 863-3321.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Judy Grahn discusses her new work, *Blood, Bread & Roses: How Menstruation Created the World*. Grahn argues that culture shares a wisdom derived from menstruation and constructs a new myth of origin, arguing that it is menstruation that makes us human. 1009 Valencia St, SF. 8 pm, $3-10 SL donation. No one turned away for lack of funds. Info: 821-4676.

"Very Funny: A Special Event" at Josie's Cabaret: Taping of a new film starring some of the most popular lesbian & gay performers portraying something never before seen on Josie's stage —bigoted, sexist & homophobic straight (and closeted) comics. The film will show how the attacks on lesbians & gays in mainstream comedy clubs helps fuel an atmosphere in which gay bashings can thrive. Film will be shot tonight before a live audience. 8 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

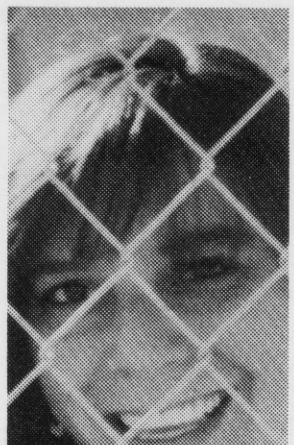
NOV 17 / WED

Men's Discovery Group Thanksgiving Party! Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Hosted by George Birimisa. Call 626-7000 for details.

Women & AIDS: *The Great Gamble*. Film screening to benefit The Family Link. Film by Jesse Block & Charlotte K Beyers features three Bay Area women, white, Black & Native American/Latina, living with HIV. Screening followed by panel discussion with HIV-positive women & medical experts. 7 pm, $15. Available at City Box Office 392-4400 or at the door. Cowell Theater, Ft Mason, near Buchanan & Marina Sts, SF.

Lesbian & Gay Open Reading at Modern Times Bookstore. 7:30 pm. All lesbian & gay poets & prose writers are welcome. Free. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Informed Citizenship as Spiritual Practice: Series at Spirit Rock Meditation Center continues with Stephan Weiss, MD, internist & hospice medical director at Kaiser-Vallejo, speaking on "Ethics at the End of Life on an Ever-Smaller Planet." A look at the issues & controversies surrounding living and dying. Event facilitated by Sylvia Boorstein. Carpooling not required. Bring a cushion and a cup of tea. Info: Andy Peri 457-2434. 5000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, Woodacre (West Marin).



Shann Carr—Nov. 13 has info.

At A Clean Well Lighted Place for Books: Eric Hansen discusses his latest book, *The Traveler: An American Odyssey in the Himalayas*. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Queer singing duo Romanovsky & Phillips at the Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell St, SF. 8 pm. Tix $12. Avail at BASS. Info/res: 885-0750.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Author Tina McElroy Ansa (*Baby of the Family*) discusses her new book, *Ugly Ways*. 8 pm, $3-10 SL donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4676.

Novelist & Essayist EL Doctorow (*Ragtime, The Book of Daniel, World's Fair, Billy Bathgate*) in an onstage conversation with Sedge Thomson, part of City Arts & Lectures' & Dominican College's Literary Evenings at Dominican series. 8 pm in Angelico Hall, Dominican College, Grand Ave at Acacia, San Rafael. Tix $14. Info: 392-4400.

NY performer Reno at Josie's Cabaret, see 11/5.

Singer/composer Emily Bezar in concert at 9 pm at Hotel Utah, see 11/13.

NOV 18 / THU

BACW Mid-Peninsula Open Business Networking Event: 7-9 pm at the Resource Center of the Veteran's Memorial Center, 1455 Madison Ave, Redwood City. Learn about the business Bay Area Career Women are up to! Info: Helen 349-2502.

At A Clean Well Lighted Place for Books: Cynthia Splatt discusses her book on Isadora Duncan, mother of modern dance and pioneering feminist, *Life into Art: Isadora Duncan & Her World*. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

At Printers Ink Bookstore: Author Gail Tsukiyama discusses her book about workers in a Chinese silk factory, *Women of the Silk*. 8 pm. 310 California St, Palo Alto. Info: 327-6500.

NY performer Reno at Josie's Cabaret, see 11/5.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Jewelle Barker Rhodes discusses her new book, *Voodoo Dreams: A Novel of Marie Laveau*, about the legendary voodoo queen Marie Laveau, reconstructing her incredible rise to power in 19th century New Orleans, thru a mesmerizing combination of history & storytelling. 8 pm, $3-10 SL donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4676.

Novelist/biographer Edmund White (*Forgetting Elena, A Boy's Own Story, Nocturne for the King of Naples, States of Desire, Caracole, The Beautiful Room is Empty*) in an onstage interview/conversation with Warren Sonbert. Produced by City Arts & Lectures, part of Friends of the Public Library's 13th Annual Literary Events series. 8 pm, $14. Herbst Theatre, Van Ness at McAllister, SF. Info: 392-4400.

"Journey" with Junge & Co., see 11/11.

galleries

de Young Museum Golden Gate Park, SF. "Jacob Lawrence: the Frederick Douglass & Harriet Tubman Series of 1938-40," features 63 works portraying the lives of these important civil rights activists; on exhibit thru 1/2. Prints by John Bock: Monumental in scale, bold in color & often political in content; woodblock prints on exhibit thru 2/27. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.

SF Museum of Modern Art: "New York Photographs by Judith Joy Ross," on exhibit thru 11/28. "Max Beckman: Prints from the Museum of Modern Art," on exhibit thru 11/14. "The Young Rebel in American Photography, 1950-1970," exhibit of work by Diane Arbus, Larry Clark, Bruce Davidson, Larry Fink, Robert Frank, Lee Friedlander, William Gale Gedney, Allen Ginsberg, Danny Lyon & Josephine Sterling, on exhibit thru 1/30. "The Great English Vortex," exhibit of approx 30 drawings by a selection of Vorticist artists (a short-lived, but highly-influential British art movement of the early 1900s). Exhibit runs 11/11-1/16. 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.

Oakland Museum: "Here & Now: Bay Area Masterworks from the di Rosa Collections," on exhibit thru 1/2. "Bay Area Sculptors II," at the Oakland Museum Sculpture Court at City Center (the museum's satellite gallery in downtown Oakl), features work by Philip Dow, Eddy Hood, Susan Marie Johnson, Seymour Locks, Zhee Singer, Charles Splady, Gale Wagner, Gerald Walburg & Suzanne Wilbroe; thru 2/12. Hrs: Wed-Sat 10 am-5 pm, Sun noon-7 pm. 1000 Oak St at 10th (one block from Lake Merritt BART, five blocks from highways 880 & 980). Admission free unless noted. Info: (510) 238-3401.

Judah L Magnes Museum: "Shtetl Life," prints & drawings from 52 artists, including Marc Chagall, Chaim Gross, William Gropper, Ruth Weisberg & Solomon Yudovin, on exhibit thru 1/31. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 549-6950. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

MACE Space for Art: Paintings by Robin Clark, on exhibit 11/16-12/18. Opening reception 11/19, 6-9 pm. 1319 Pine St at Hyde, SF. Hrs: Noon-7 pm Tues-Fri, noon-5 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 931-9670.

The Mexican Museum: "Gronk! A Living Survey: 1973-1993," works on exhibit thru 11/21. Ft Mason Center, Bldg D, Laguna & Marina Blvds, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, noon-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids under 10 are free, first Wed of each month admission is free, General museum info: 668-8921. TDD 752-2635.

Bomani Gallery: 251 Post St, SF. Info: 296-8677.

Christensen Heller Gallery: "Photographs of Ladakh," by Sarah Stearns; "Handpainted Exotic Eggs," by Susan Tibbons; "Custom Wood Furniture," by Patrick Graney; on exhibit thru 12/31. 5831 College Ave, Oakl. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-6 pm. Info: (510) 655-5952.

Bayfront Gallery: Ft Mason Center, Building A, SF. Info: 441-5706.

Belcher Studios Gallery: "A Dual Exhibition," landscapes and still life photography by Ricardo Sander & John Bergholm, thru 11/12. 11/18-12/2, paintings & installation by Keith Hale, Evri Kwong & Kerrin O'Brien. 12/9-24, Group Christmas Exhibit by Belcher Studios. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Thurs-Sat, Tues & Wed by appt. Info: 863-8745 or 626-8917.

California Crafts Museum: "Exploring the Use of Icons in Contemporary Crafts," holiday exhibit runs 11/20-1/2. "Icons in Contemporary Art: The Irreducible Logic of Thing Observed," exhibit of paintings & sculptures by artists whose work relay icons as symbols in a contemporary context; 11/20-1/2. "Nature in Process: Patricia Johansen, Lia Do Rio, Mariyo Yagi," exhibit of installations 1/8-2/20. "Transparency," exhibit focusing on fine artists who use glass in their sculpture; 2/26-4/10. Hrs: Daily, 11 am-6 pm. Ghirardelli Square, 900 North Point, Box 25, SF. Info: 771-1919.

Capp Street Project: "Relocation Stories," a multi-site, multimedia installation & performance work drawing on oral histories of Bay Area Native Americans. Installation on view thru 11/27 at Pro Arts Gallery in Oakland; artist presents a solo performance piece that complements the installation on 11/19 at Inter-Tribal Friendship House in Oakl and at Capp Street on 11/20 at 7:30 pm. Capp Street Project, 270 14th St at Mission, SF. Info: 626-7747.

Circle Gallery: 140 Maiden Lane, SF. Hrs: Mon-Sat, 10 am-6 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. Info: 989-2100.

The Clay Studio: Hrs: Wed-Sat, 10 am-5 pm, and by appt. 52 Julian Ave, SF. Info: 431-6296.

E'space Gallery: 520 Hayes St at Octavia, SF. Info: 861-4675.

Eye Gallery: 1151 Mission St btwn 7th & 8th, SF. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat. Info: 431-6911.

Falkirk Cultural Gallery: "Putting the Pieces Together," exhibit of patchwork quilts by a culturally diverse group of craftswomen, on exhibit thru 11/13. "100 Years/100 Pictures: Chronicles of One Man's Life," an installation exhibit by Susan Hyde Brand, portraying the life of a Russian emigre, Aron Tomaroff; thru 11/13. Hrs: Tues-Fri 10 am-4:30 pm, Thurs till 9 pm, Sat 10 am-1 pm. Free admission, donations welcome. 1408 Mission Ave at "E" St, downtown San Rafael. Info: 485-3327.

Gallery on the Rim: "New Works," aluminum wall sculptures by John S Pashilk, on exhibit 11/1-28, artist's reception 11/4, 5:30-8:30 pm. Recent paintings by Barbara K Lewis, on exhibit 12/1-14, opening reception 12/3, 5-7 pm. 333 Third St, Ste 200, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sun 11 am-7 pm. Info: 543-7007.

Joanne Chappell Gallery: "The Art of Fiction: Bay Area Book Illustration," on exhibit thru 11/8. "Peter Kitchell: Recent Watercolors & Collages," 11/11-1/7, opening reception 11/11, 5:30-8 pm. 625 2nd St, btwn Brannan & Townsend, Ste 400, SF Hrs: Mon-Fri, 9 am-5 pm. The gallery will also be open 11/6-7 from 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 777-5711.

John Pence Gallery: Recent oil paintings by NY artist Jason Gaillard on exhibit thru 11/27. 750 Post St, SF. Info: 441-1138.

Kiki Gallery: "Pinocchio the Big Fag," exhibit by LA artist Keith Mayerson, using the classic Italian folk tale to create

"Pinocchio, the Big Fag" by Keith Mayerson at Kiki Gallery.

the ultimate homo parable, tracing a young boy-puppet's quest for "realness" thru a series of children's book plates from the "book that never happened," and a collection of animation cells from the "movie that never happened." Thru 11/20, opening reception 11/4, 5-8 pm. Hrs: Fri-Sun, noon-8 pm. 483 14th St at Guerrero, SF. Info: 863-KIKI.

The Lab Gallery: "High Noon," an installation by Chris Komater, on exhibit thru 11/6. "A Caryatid," an installation by Donna Leigh Schumacher questioning the assumptions portrayed by the abstracted form of the female body. Runs 11/17-12/18, opening reception 11/17, 5:30-7:30 pm. Closed Thanksgiving Day, and 12/1 (for A Day Without Art). 1807 Divisadero St, SF. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Wed-Sat. Info: 346-4063.

The Luggage Store Gallery: Figurative mixed media sculpture & constructions, and charcoal drawings by Fred Hayes; large scale abstact-figurative oil paintings on canvas & paper by Lisa Salamandra; on exhibit 11/4-12/4, opening reception 11/4, 5:30-8:30 pm. 509 Cultural Center Annex, 1007 Market St nr 6th, SF. Hrs: Thurs-Sat 1-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 255-5971.

Morphos Gallery: "Thomas Stanton: Recent Paintings," and "Robert Strati: Installation," on exhibit thru 11/24. 544 Hayes St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-7 pm; Sat 11 am-6 pm; and by appt. Info: 626-1936.

Robert Dana Gallery: "I Sing the Body Electric," paintings by Sarena Rosenfeld, on exhibit thru 11/7. 1849 Union St, SF. Hrs: Thurs-Sat, 10 am-6 pm; Sun 11 am-5 pm. Info: 749-1849.

Robert Koch Gallery: "Shelby Lee Adams: Appalachian Portraits," exhibit of photos made in the Appalachian Mountains of eastern Kentucky, part of a series begun in 1974; exhibit runs thru 11/17. "Aleksandras Macijauskas: My Lithuania," exhibit of photos depicting the daily life of the people of Lithuania; thru 11/27. 49 Geary St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5:30 pm. Info: 421-0122.

SF Arts Commission Gallery: "SF Jazz Festival," photos of jazz legends, organized by photographer Lee Tanner, thru 11/14. 155 Grove St, SF. Info: 554-9682.

SF Camerawork: "The Family Seen," exhibit of photos examining how the family is viewed by contemporary society & how the photographic image empowers the social & personal imagination of what constitutes a family. Group show of work by 19 artists. 70 12th St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Info: 621-1001.

SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Unknown Africa: Selections from the Collection of Dan Crowley," exhibit of rare & unusual African art, thru 1/2. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

SF Art Institute: 800 Chestnut St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, 10 am-5 pm; Thurs till 8 pm. Info: 882-9319.

SFSU Student Union Art Gallery: "Mythology & Fairy Tales," a multimedia group show; "Iran: The Eyes in Search of Life," photos by Mohammad Nikou; "Some Moments Before the Gates of Heaven & Hell," oil paintings by Lynn Hassan. Thru 11/18. Hrs: Mon-Thurs, 10 am-6 pm, Fri 10 am-3 pm. SF State University Student Union Bldg, 1650 Holloway Ave, SF. Info: 338-2580.

Soft Touch Gallery: Hrs: Tues-Wed, Fri-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. 1580 Haight St, SF. Info: 863-3279.

Stamp Art Gallery: "Mittendorf: Hand-carved Art Stamps" and "Pico Sanchez: Hand Carved Prints," opening reception 11/13, 8 am-noon. Exhibits run thru 12/31. 466 8th St, SF. Info: 252-5975.

University Art Museum: "Visions of the Dharma: Images of Japanese Buddhism," thru 1/2. "Dennis Oppenheim: Land & Body Projects, 1967-1971," thru 1/2. "Richard Tuttle: Space/Sculpture," thru 1/2. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.

Pacific Film Archive: "Banned in the USA: America & Film Censorship," a 27-film touring series about censorship & cinema; 11/5-12/18. Features 15 programs using archival prints as well as informal lectures by film historians, critics & attorneys to look at censorship with a broad, historical overview, encompassing almost a century of contestation. Each of the films shown in the series has been the subject of controversy for "objectionable" topics, "shocking" images or "unacceptable" attitudes. For detailed program info, call (510) 642-1412. UC-Berkeley, 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley.

Victoria Room Gallery: Hrs: Sat & Sun, 1-5 pm; Thurs 4-8 pm, 180 6th St at Howard, SF. Info: 255-0364.

Vision Gallery: "Homeless: Portraits of Americans in Hard Times," photos by Howard Schatz, on exhibit thru 12/4. Photos by Jan Saudek, on exhibit thru 12/4. "Joyce Tenneson: Transformations," photos on exhibit thru 12/4. Hrs: Mon-Fri, 9 am-6 pm. 1155 Mission St, SF. Info: 621-2107.

Richmond Art Center: "John Haley: A Restrospective," thru 11/21. Hrs: Tues-Fri, Civic Center Plaza, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-6772.

Erotic Sculpture by Harry Tanner on exhibit thru 11/22 at Jaguar Adult Books, 4057 18th St (in the Castro), SF. Info: 863-4777.

"Cat on the Track," exhibit of works by Aladin Stadlin at Castro Country Club, 4058 18th St, SF; 11/12-12/8.

"Writing with Light," group photographic exhibit at Marathon Plaza, 303 2nd St, SF. Thru 12/1. Info: 777-5548.

Mixed media art by Virginia Bowen, on exhibit at Josie's Cabaret, 11/1-30, opening reception 11/6, 4-6 pm. 3583 16th St at Market, SF.

John LeFlore: Paintings & drawings, works in watercolor, acrylics, pen, brush, ink & pastel, on exhibit thru 11/30 at Hair It Is, 323 Geary Blvd, Ste 807, SF; thru 11/12 at Rey's Bar, 289 8th St, SF and at Milano Joe's Restaurant, 1175 Folsom St, SF, thru 12/10. Info: 433-6549.

"Gaia & Her Snake Sisters," works by Connie Butler on exhibit thru 11/21 at Quicksilver Mine Co in Guerneville. Info: (707) 869-9357.

"Indian Territory Album: Roads of Relocation," ethnographic paintings by Manyi-ten, (NGED), of 13 tribes relocated to Oklahoma. Thru 11/20. Gathering of Tribes Gallery, 1309 Solano Ave, Albany. Info: (510) 528-9038.

Pedro Rafael Gonzalez-Chavajay: "Mayan Heritage Endures," paintings by Mayan Indian painter from Guatemala, on exhibit thru 11/30 at Farley's, 1315 18th St nr Texas, SF (Potrero Hill). Artist present on 11/6, 2-5 pm.

"Exploring Female," watercolors by Abigail F Linfert at live Art Studios, 151 Potrero Ave, SF. Thru 11/30. Receptions: 11/6, 7-9 pm, 11/28, noon-3 pm. Hrs: Tues 2-5 pm, Sun noon-5 pm and by appt. Info: 285-6894.

"What is Out..." exhibit of work by California College of Arts & Crafts' Lesbian, Bisexual & Gay Student Union (LESBIGAY). Opening reception 11/4, 4:30-7 pm, exhibit runs thru 11/5. 5212 Broadway at College, Oakl. Info: (510) 653-8118.

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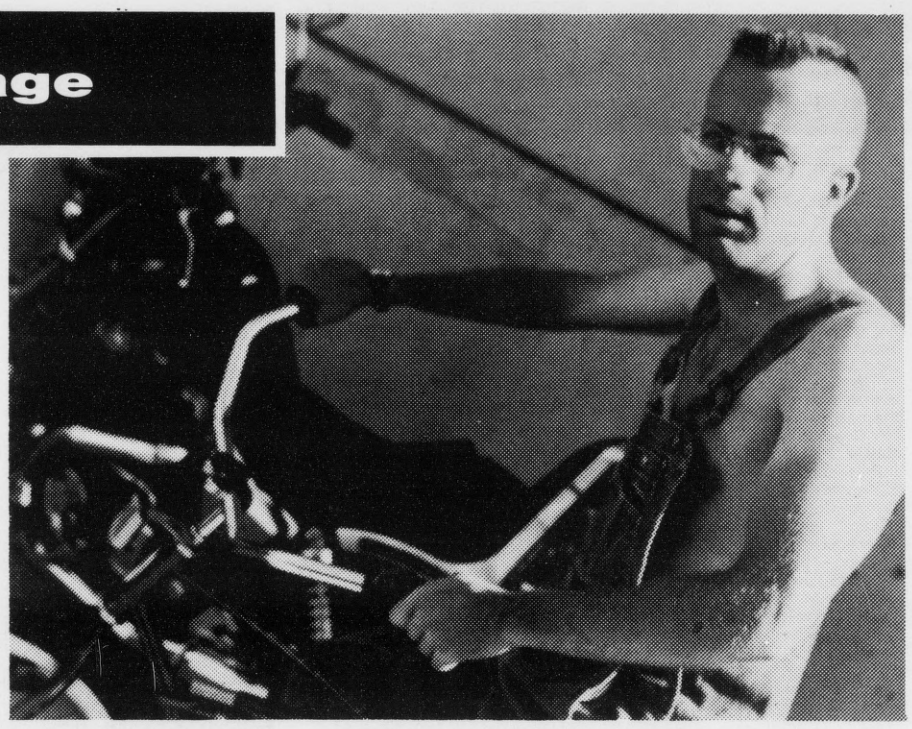

"I've Been Queer for 100 Years"—performance by Johnny D. starts Nov. 16. Info: 863-3321.

Arthur & Leila by Cherylene Lee. Leila Chin-Abernathy is a pillar of the Chinese American community with a successful husband, wealth, prestige and just one problem—a blackmailing older brother. Play presents a humorous & delicate rendering of an odd yet symbiotic relationship between an aging brother & sister in search of their family legacy. Brava! For Women in the Arts production. Runs Wed-Sun thru 11/21 at 8 pm, 2 pm Sun. Bayfront Theatre, Bldg B, Ft Mason Center, SF. Info/res: 776-8999. Tix $11-15.

Fortinbras by Lee Blessing. Hilarious comedy that begins with the final scene of *Hamlet* and weaves a comic web of suppositions about what might have happened if the Prince of Denmark had been succeeded by refugees from a Marx Brothers movie. Actors Theatre of SF production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, thru 11/13. Tix $16 Fri & Sat eves, $14 Wed & Thurs. Actors Theatre, 533 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 296-9179.

A Midsummer's Night Dream by William Shakespeare. Shakespeare's best-loved comedy performed by an outrageous cast of 35! Shakespeare & Co production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, thru 11/13. Tix $15. First Congregational Church, Post & Mason Sts (one block from Union Square), SF. Info/res: 267-6165.

How the Other Half Loves by Alan Ayckbourn. Comedy Runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm, $14, Sun at 8 pm, $10, thru 11/21. Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St, SF. Info/res: 621-4423.

The Fatherless Sky written & performed by Albert Greenberg. A man searches for himself thru a kaleidoscope of identities—from streetwise city kid to a country & western singer to "the smartest Jew in the world." A Traveling Jewish Theatre production. Play runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 7:30 pm, thru 11/7. Tix $12-30, stdnt, sr & group discounts. Magic Theatre, Ft Mason Center, Bldg D, SF. Info/res: 399-1809.

Lost Musicals Concert Series produced by 42nd Street Moon: *DuBarry Was a Lady*. Musical details the antics of a washroom attendant who falls in love with a nightclub's singing star who is in love with a reporter. Plays 11/5-14. For showtimes, tix and other info call 861-8972. New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF.

The Gondoliers by Gilbert & Sullivan. Lamplighters Musical Theatre production. Runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, thru 11/7. Presentation Theatre, 2350 Turk Blvd at Masonic, SF. Info/res: 752-7755. Tix $22.

Giants Have Us in Their Books by Jose Rivera. Tales of love, sex & death: six magical fables for adults. Magic Theatre production. Ft Mason Center Bldg D, SF. Previews thru 11/6, opens Tues 11/9, runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm (no 7:30 pm performance on 11/14, no 2 pm matinee on 12/5). Tix $12-21. Info/res: 441-8822.

Jeffrey, award-winning comedy by Paul Rudnick. Show features acclaimed singer/character-actor Jim Bailey cast in the role of a stylish & witty interior designer. Provocative comedy about a young NY actor/waiter who vows to give up sex, then meets a bartender who may be the man of his dreams. Play runs Tues-Thurs at 8 pm, Fri at 8:30 pm, Sat at 5 & 8:30 pm, Sun at 3 & 7 pm. Tix $22-30. Theatre on the Square, 450 Post St, SF, floor 2M. Info/res 433-9500 or BASS.

Merry-Go-Round by Elaine A Clark & Dennis Lancaster. Chronicle of one man's funny yet painful struggle to grow up & live in the dangerous world called adulthood. Danny is a "30-something" actor who performs only in children's shows, clinging desperately to his childhood. When that fantasy world is threatened, he is forced to choose between hiding behind his cartoon characters & accepting responsibility. Climate Theatre production. Runs Wed-Sat at 7 pm, Sun matinee at 3 pm, thru 11/27. Tix $17. Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF. Info/res: 626-9196.

Mistiblu by Roberto Ramos-Perea, translated by Charles P Thomas. Erotic farce, a fantastic tale of obsession & the quest for eternal life. When Count Saint Germain refuses to give Mistiblu, the elixir of eternal life, to an aging Casanova, Casanova enlists the help of rock star Madonna to exact his horrifying revenge. PM productions. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8:30 pm, thru 11/21. Studio 2505, 2505 Mariposa St at Hampshire, SF. Tix $12-15. Info/res: 905-4605.

Exeunt Severally new comedy by Reed Kirk Rahlmann. Theatre Forte production. Thru 11/20, Thurs-Sat at 8 pm. Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa btwn Alabama & Florida Sts, 17th & 18th Sts, SF. Info: 882-1199.

Shoehorn! a collaboration between Idris Ackamoor & Wayne Doba. Play tells the story of the "salt & pepper" entertainment team and their struggle to survive as a unit despite the pressure of living in a society rife with racism. Runs 11/4-7, 11/11-14. Tix $12 Tues & Thurs, $14 Fri & Sun, $16 Sat. Lorraine Hansberry Theater, 620 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 474-8800.

Endgame/Act Without Words I, two Samuel Beckett one-acts. Berkeley Rep Theatre production. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm, Sat matinees at 2 pm on 11/6, 20 & 18, Thurs matinees at 2 pm 11/11 & 12/2 & 9, thru 12/19. No performance on Thanksgiving Day, special added performance 11/22 at 8 pm. Tix $20-32.50. Info/res: (510) 845-4700. Berkeley Rep Theatre, 2025 Addison at Shattuck, downtown Berkeley.

Red Noses by Peter Barnes. Savage & witty comedy set in 14th century France during the time of the Black Plague. Toad Productions, Inc. Previews 11/11 at 8 pm, runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 12/5 (no performance on Thanksgiving Day, 11/25). Tix $10-12. Info/res: (415) 207-3371 or (510) 934-6782. SOMAR Theater, 934 Brannan St, SF.

The Popul Vuh, theatrical adaptation of the Mayan myth of creation, in English & Spanish, by Luis Oropeza. Latin American Theater Artists production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8:30 pm, thru 11/28. Teatro Mision, 2868 Mission St, SF. Tix $10 gen'l, $5 srs, stdnts & children. Info/res: 695-6970.

Agnes of God, incendiary drama by John Pielmeier. A young psychiatrist is appointed by the court to examine and evaluate the sanity of Sister Agnes, a young nun accused of murdering her own baby. Hillbarn Theatre production. Play runs thru 11/13. Tix $10 gen'l, $8

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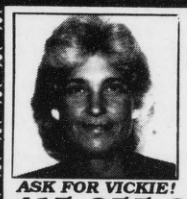
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stdnts & srs. Info/res: 349-6411. Hillbarn Theatre, 1285 East Hillsdale Blvd, Foster City.

Beach Blanket Babylon, SF's longest-running musical revue, highlights is customary zaniness with tap-dancing Christmas trees, take-offs on favorite carols & a colossal Yuletide hat. At Club Fugazi, 678 Green St, SF. Tix $17-40. Info/res: 421-6788.

Texas Chainsaw 90210, a production of the Sick & Twisted Players, SF's critically-acclaimed cult-comedy theater troupe. Feature-length horror spoof full of extremely dark humor and gory special effects (show features a different survivor each night!). Runs Fri & Sat at 9 pm, thru 11/27. Bernice Street Playhouse, 21 Bernice St at 12th, SF. Info/res: 863-5946.

Jumping the Broom, new romantic comedy revue about the conflicts, contradictions & creativity of lesbian & gay weddings. Theatre Rhino production combines the work of more than a dozen Bay Area playwrights, each asked to write scenes reflecting issues specific to same-sex marriages. Play runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sat at 5pm & Sun at 3 pm, 11/4-12/11. Tix $12-18. Theatre Rino mainstage, 2926 16th St at Mission, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

Always... Patsy Cline, country western musical conceived & directed by Ted Swindley. Rollicking revue recounts the true story of a close friendship developed between the country singer & her most ardent fan, Louise Seger, and features such Cline country classics as "Crazy," "I Fall to Pieces," "Walking After Midnight," and "Sweet Dreams." Columbia Actors' Repertory production. Previews thru 11/5, opens 11/6, runs Wed-Fri at 8 pm, Sat 2 & 8 pm, Sun 2 & 7 pm, at Mason Street Theater, 340 Mason St, SF. Previews $18, tix $18-26. Info/res: 982-5463.

The Moon Demon by Michael Schreiber. Dark comedy looks at a witch trial in 17th century Germany. Play explores themes of bigotry, prejudice & mass hysteria. Previews on 11/18, play opens 11/19, runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 12/12; except on 11/28 & 12/5 (those shows are 2 pm matinees). No performance on Thanksgiving Day, 11/25. Bannam Place Theater, 50 Bannam Place, near Union & Grant in North Beach, SF. Tix $12 gen'l, $9 11/18 preview. Info/res: 648-6977. Tix avail at Modern Times Bookstore in SF.

The Black Girl in Search of God in East Oakland, a work in development, presented by Life on The Water Theater. Performance about the spiritual struggle of youth in modern society, play was inspired by the 1934 novella by George Bernard Shaw titled "The Adventures of the Black Girl in Search of God." This work is written, directed & performed by young people under the mentorship of Life on the Water artistic director Ellen Sebastian. Runs 11/5-6 at 7 pm, 11/7 at 3 pm at Center for African & African American Art & Culture, 762 Fulton ST, SF and 11/12-13 at 7:30 pm; 11/14 at 3 pm, at Alice Arts Center (OET), 1428 Alice St, Oakland. Tix $3-5 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: (415) 824-9394.

Holiday Memories, Russell Vandenbroucke's adaptation of two Truman Capote stories preveiws 11/12-14, opens 11/17 and runs thru 12/19 at Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave, Berkeley. Aurora Theatre Co production. Info/res: (510) 843-4822.

A Dance Along the Precipice by David Barth. Historical psychodrama about a quiet revolution in American politics whose seminal event was the Whittaker Chambers/Alger Hiss perjury trial of 1948. Play focuses on how the plight of Chambers, a troubled former communist, and the ambition of his defenders helped define the dubious mission of the post-war American Right. Play dramatizes the weird human extremities that help fuel the cration of new worlds, new ideas & new times. Intersection for the Arts production. Previews 11/4-7 at 8 pm, opens 11/10 at 8 pm. Runs Thurs-Sun, thru 12/12. Intersection for the Arts Theatre, 446 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 626-3311.

Roadkill on the Information Highway by Ian Shoales. Ian Shoales & J Raoul Brody combine their unique talents in a fast-paced musical salute to some of our ephemeral cultural icons that have fallen, or are about to fall, by the pop culture wayside—a salute to roadkill—past, present & future. The Marsh, in association with Bowl of Topics, production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8:30 pm, thru 12/5. No show on Thanksgiving Day. The Marsh, 1062 Valencia St nr 22nd, SF. Tix $8-12 SL donation Thurs & Sun; $12 gen'l Fri & Sat, $10 srs, stdnts & financially disadvantaged. Info/res: 641-0235.

Gone Dollywood, a performance by David E Johnston. Show uses the words & rearranged melodies of country superstar Dolly Parton to trace the development of The Boy/Our Boy, who is locked up in a Tennessee Mountain Mental Home just across the street from the theme park, Dollywood. Celebrity worship & memories of parental domination blend in this southern gothic story that uncovers the sick secrets & twisted legacies of America's heartland. The Lab production. Runs 11/11-13 at 8 pm. Tix $7. The Lab Gallery, 1807 Divisadero St, SF. Info/res: 346-4063.

The Mud Angel by Darrah Cloud. An exploration of sexual power and the fear of it. Play confronts issues of family repression which lead to unspoken power struggles. A Single Strang production. Opens 11/11 at 8 pm; runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm thru 11/27. No show on Thanksgiving Day. Diesel Cathedral (across the street from New Performance Gallery), 3178 #2, 17th St, SF. Tix $10. Info/res: 995-2558.

The Well of Horniness by Holly Hughes. Raunchy, ridiculous lesbodrama skewers '50s female imagery—from the dimestore dames and femme fatales of film noir to the happy homemakers and bright-eyed wives of TV—thru the tale of a housewife caught in a web of secrets, sin and her own dark desires. Theatre Rhino production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 7 pm, 11/11-12/5. Tix $12. Info/res: 861-5079. Theatre Rhino Studio, 2926 16th St, SF.

Leonce & Lena by George Buchner. A wicked parody of German Romanticism. Play is a whimsical faerie tale gone awry; full of romance, intrigue and an occasional reference to Shakespeare. SF State University Player's Club & Theatre Arts Dept production. Previews 11/4, runs 11/5-7 & 10-14 at the Little Theatre, SFSU, 1600 Holloway Ave, Sf. Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun matinees at 2 pm. Tix $7 gen'l, $5 stndst & sts. Info/res: 338-2467.

Knowing the Questions, solo performance piece by Jamie Berger. A multiple choice journey thru the tormented mind of a teacher of business school hopefuls. Play begins as a lecture on logical reasoning but quickly degenerates/expands into an epic foray into questions that preoccupy post-modern America. Thurs-Sat, 11/4-21, at Above Brainwash Theater, 1126 Folsom St, SF. 8 pm, $10.

To Grandmother's House We Go by Joanna Glass. Funny, sweet portrayal of a modern New England family coming together as they come apart at "Grandie's" house over Thanksgiving weekend. Los Altos Conservatory Theatre. Runs Thurs-Sat, 11/18-12/11. Tix $11 gen'l on Thurs, $9 srs & stdnts. Tix $13 Fri & Sat. 8 pm. Los Altos Conservatory Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave, Los Altos. Info/res: 941-5228.

Tartuffe by Moliere. Comic masterpiece about religious hypocrisy. Foothill College Theatre production. Play opens 11/5, runs 11/6 & 11-13 at 8 pm; 11/7 & 14 at 2 pm in Studio Theatre (A-31), Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Rd, Los Altos Hills. Tix $9 gen'l, $7.50 srs & stdnts. Info/res: 948-4444.

Box Conspiracy, an interactive show by George Coates Performance Works. Comic musical about today's explosive new technologies and the coming national information network. The work takes the audience, wearing 3-D glasses, on a hyper-real experience of the interactive future when the soon-to-be ubiquitous Digital Converter Box makes every home TV set a two-way transporter on the information highway. Previews 11/5-6 at 8 pm ($12, 16 & 24); gala opening 11/10 at 8 pm ($45 & 75). Play runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm; 11/12-12/31. Tix $17, 24 & 34 on Fri & Sat; $14, 21 & 31 on Sun. George Coates Performance Works, 110 McAllister St, SF. Info/res: 863-4130.

The Skin of Our Teeth, Pulitzer Prize-winning visionary fantasy by Thornton Wilder. Play looks at the story of mankind seen thru the timeless lives of an ordinary family from a small town in New Jersey. From ice age to great flood, thru fire, pestilence, a dozen wars and as many depressions, they survive a thousand calamities by the skin of their teeth, preserving, just barely, the eternal values of the human spirit. TheatreWorks production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun 11/14 at 7 pm, Sun 11/7 & 21 at 2 pm, thru 11/21. TheatreWorks, Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, Castro & Mercy Sts, Mountain View. Tix $12-24. Info/res: 903-6000.

The Supper Club, musical spy comedy with music & lyrics by Phill Walker. Set in SF in 1942, filled with spies, enemies & romance. Playtime Productions. Runs 11/6 & 10-12 at 8 pm; 11/7 & 14 at 7:30 pm; 11/14 at 2:30 pm. Cable Car Theatre, 430 Mason St, SF. Info/res: 567-3067.

The Baltimore Waltz by Paula Vogel. A surreal comedy/tragedy, winner of the 1992 Obie Award for best American play. Palo Alto Players production. Previews 11/5, runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, 11/6-20, with Sun performances 11/7 & 14 at 2:30 pm & 11/14 at 7 pm. Tix $12 preview, $14-16 gen'l, $18 opening night gala. Info/res: 329-2623. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto.

Sometimes We Need A Story More Than Food, written & performed by Corey Fischer. 90-min solo piece is a theatrical excursion thru 18th century Poland, first century Jerusalem, modern day Prague, LA freeways & NY delicatessens. Fischer weaves together the magic of traditional tales with the lived experience of autobiographical stories. A Traveling Jewish Theatre production. Play previews 11/11-12, opens 11/13, runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 7:30 pm, Sun matinees at 2 pm, thru 12/5. Tix $12 & 15 previews, $30 opening, $15 Wed, Thurs & Sun eves, and Sun matinees; $18 Fri, $22 Sat. Magic Theatre, Bldg D, Ft Mason Center, SF. Info/res: 474-8855 or 399-1809.

Houdini: The Escape, written by Ron Severdia. Show chronicles the life of Harry Houdini, who climbed to fame from humble beginnings as a "card manipulator" to one of the world's most popular performers. Drama punctures the myths surrounding his death on Halloween night in 1926 and explores his lifelong romance with Bess Rahner, the death of his mother and his desperate attempts to contact her thru spirit mediums, which led to a lifelong commitment to exposing fraudulent spiritualists. Climate Theatre production. Runs Fri & Sat at 9 pm, Sun at 7 pm, thru 12/5. Info/res: 626-9196. Tix $16.50. Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF.

resource guide

► AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 621-0291 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance), SF. Info: 241-8800 or FAX 252-9277.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, 5 pm-5 am every night. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

Directory: HIV Clinical Trials *in the Bay Area*, a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling HIV disease in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 558-6999. 1540 Market St, #320, SF 94102.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.

The Brothers Network is an African-American organization providing free emotional support for HIV + gay & bisexual men. Support groups include a Tues eve drop-in, peer counseling and ongoing African-American specific groups. Info: 749-6714. FAX 749-6706.

Men of African Descent: Support Group for men of African descent with disabling HIV disease or AIDS. Safe, confidential place to talk about HIV issues, come together & share experiences with other men of African descent, discuss treatment options, support service access & many other topics. Group meets Wed eves, 6-7:30 pm at 18th Street Services, 217 Church St at Market, SF. Spons by the Client Services Dept, SF AIDS Foundation. Info: 864-5855.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info call 346-5860

Marin AIDS Project Emotional & practical support for persons with AIDS/HIV & their loved ones. Outreach & education. Info: 457-2487.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

Kaiser-San Francisco offers several HIV drop-in support groups: asymptomatic HIV, symptomatic HIV, AIDS, caregivers, women with HIV, multiple loss, HIV-negative men. For more info call Melissa Farley 202-2292.

Kaiser Oakland offers support & education groups on a variety of HIV issues. (HIV-positive gay men's group, HIV-positive women's group, public education forum, couples, family & friends HIV support group, potluck socials). All groups meet 6:30-8 pm. For days & other info call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6337. Childcare is available for some groups. For info on the monthly HIV forum call Joe Di Milia, HIV Health Educator, at 596-6848.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

Valley of the Moon AIDS Project offers free, bimonthly support groups for people living with AIDS/HIV, and their friends & family. 1st & 3rd Tues of each month, 7-8:30 pm at Sonoma Vintage House, 264 First Street East, Sonoma (rooms 111 & 113) Info: David (707) 938-3765 or Sheana (707) 935-6260.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

AIDS Project of Contra Costa offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education & volunteer training opportunities. Info: (510) 356-AIDS. 2280 Diamond Blvd, Concord 94520.

San Mateo County AIDS Program provides HIV prevention services, testing & counseling, early intervention, primary care, social services, support groups, a drop-in center for people with HIV and clinical trials. Safer Sex Patrol volunteers do gay outreach. Multicultural. 3700 Edison St, San Mateo. Info: 573-2588, Mon-Fri, 8 am-5 pm. Volunteers are welcome!

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

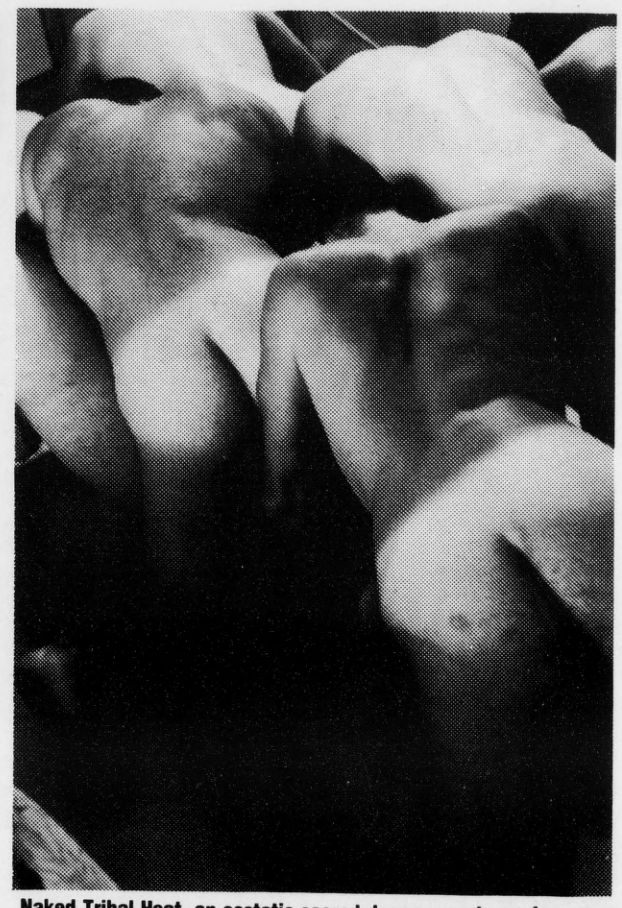
SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

Health Center#1 offers an evening clinic for people who are HIV positive or have AIDS or AIDS-related conditions, and find it difficult to go the doctor during the daytime. Clinic serves the Mission, Castro/Eureka Valley, Potrero Hill, Glen Park, Diamond Heights, Noe Valley, Monterey and South of Market areas of SF. Bilingual, multicultural staff, sensitive to the needs of women with HIV. 3850 17th St, SF. Info/appt: 554-9750.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.



Naked Tribal Heat, an ecstatic sacred dance experience for men, happens Nov. 7 at New Performance Gallery.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

The Center for AIDS Services provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 5720 Shattuck Ave, Oakl 94609. (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066

Kairos Support for Caregivers: Offers groups, grief support & resource materials for partners, spouses, friends & family members of persons affected by HIV/AIDS. Intro sessions Thurs 7:30 pm. Weekly open house Fri 5-7 pm. Everyone welcome! 114 Douglass St, SF. Info: 861-0877

Home Care Companions, Inc offers free home care skills workshops for PWAs, their partners, family & friends. Get practical advice needed to help manage HIV disease at home. Licensed professionals teach the basics in a frank, positive atmosphere. The 5-evening course is offered monthly. Info/res: Celi Adams, RN 824-3269.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. By appointment only, call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel: 291-5454.

Bankruptcy/Creditor Problems Legal Clinic for People with HIV Infection: Free presentation by a bankruptcy lawyer concerning how to handle creditor problems, plus free one-on-one consultation. 2nd Wed of every month, 6:30-8:30 pm, at the Gazebo, Davies Medical Center, Castro & Duboce, SF. Info/reg: AIDS Legal Referral Panel 291-5454.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Danny Yu 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Group for HIV + Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men: Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by GAPA Community HIV Project. Call Paul 575-3933 for info.

Sex, Dating & Relationships: Ongoing group offered by GAPA Community HIV Project: For Asian or Pacific Islander gay/bisexual men who want to discuss these issues in an informal small-group setting. Group meets every 3rd Tues of the month at GCHP, 1841 Market ST, SF. 2nd floor. 7-9 pm. Info: Prescott 575-3939.

Asian American Communities Against AIDS: Provides counseling, referrals & case management services to the Asian/Pacific Islander communities in SF. Chinese, Pilipino, Japanese & Vietnamese individuals are encouraged to call & discuss issues around sex, substance abuse and HIV/AIDS. Free & confidential. Info: 563-0553.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

Napa Valley AIDS Project provides education, support groups, benefits counseling, volunteer services & more for HIV + Napa County residents. Info: (707) 258-2437.

Qi Gong Instruction offered at low charge ($1 per class) to SF residents with HIV/AIDS by the American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine. Qi gong is a excercise/meditation practice from China which helps cultivate vitality & build endurance. Classe held Mon & Wed mornings, 11 am-noon at the ACTCM Community Clinic, 450 Conneticut St on Potrero Hill in SF. Instructor Charles Alston, LAc. Info/reg: 282-9603. Space limited.

Ongoing poetry workshop for HIV positive gay men. Thurs 3-5 pm. Info/location: Darrell 221-8779.

Stop AIDS Mtg for men 50 & older. Meet other gay & bisexual men your age at a free, one-time, informal meeting to talk about safe sex; confidentially share your feelings, ideas & knowledge about AIDS and the effect it is having on us. Meetings are pro-gay & sex-positive, and designed to show us that we can still carry on sexual relationships. Info/reg: 621-7177.

Pacific Center, Berkeley, offers several peer-support groups for people with HIV & AIDS. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

The Immigrant HIV Assistance Project of the Bar Association of SF provides free legal assistance for HIV positive immigrants residing in SF who need help with their immigration cases. Call 267-0795 for more info.

The Healing Circle: Place for healing one's heart & spirit, especially for people with life-challenging illnesses such as AIDS & cancer, and for their friends & families. Focus is on love, support & being real. Group meets Thurs at 7:30 pm at the SF Center for Living, 4054 18th St, off Castro, SF.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission helps people with AIDS/HIV thru transitional housing, low-income shared housing resources, grocery bags, clothing, personal care items, referrals. For info call 863-0516, 9 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV + & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV +, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD). Mental health services, interpreting services and psychosocial support. Info: 476-7600 (TTY) or 476-4980 (voice).

The Hearing Society of the Bay Area provides services for people with hearing loss related to HIV infection. Group offers a hearing aid loan program, hearing loss & communication classes for people with HIV/AIDS, voc rehab, social work services, loans of assistive devices & other audiological services. Fees determined by income, ability to pay & eligibility for MediCal, Medicare or Dept of Rehab programs. Karen 693-5870 (voice), 834-1005 (TDD)

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.

Nutrition & HIV: Free, objective info. Send self, addressed, 52 cent stamped, 9" x 6" envelope to Gustavo Wong, RD, POB 5681, Berkeley 94705-0681. Info: (510) 547-7893.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies, chiropractic & massage therapy for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor. All practitioners are HIV-certified. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

Castro Village Detox offers low-cost (based on ability to pay) acupuncture/herb detox therapy for alcohol/drug withdrawal for HIV-positive/PWA gay men. Info: Mark Denzin, LAc, 252-9040.

Pyramid Ridge Wellness Ctr: Scenic retreat focused on HIV healing. Offers private sessions & workshops. Uses effective energy technique that is non-invasive & non-biological. Fee based on ability to pay. Info: Carol Hannum (707) 869-0985.

Japanese American AIDS Project: Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St, Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.

Bayview-Hunter's Point Foundation offers free acupuncture & herbal treatment to people of color with HIV. Mon-Fri, 12:30-2:45 pm. 1625 Carroll St at 3rd, SF. Info: 822-8200.

HIV + Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women & their HIV + Women Partners Couples Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women Partners of HIV + Women Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. WA. Free.

HIV + African American Women's Support Group spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Call 565-7683 for details. WA. Free.

Women's AIDS Network provides info, referrals & advocacy for women affected by HIV/AIDS and women service providers. Programs/services include speaker's bureau, educational resources developoent, special events & developing strategies for focusing HIV services & education toward women. Small emergency grants available to women with HIV/AIDS. Mtg held every first Tues of the month in SF. For details call voicemail 864-4376 ext 2007.

UCSF Positive Education Project conducts continuing education groups to help HIV positive gay men cope with the stress of living with HIV disease. If you T-cell count is btwn 200-500 call 597-9141.

AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by and for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs. 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.

Tai Chi Workout: Free to people with HIV. One hour of slow, therapeutic exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan and Chi Kung forms. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Info: Emilio 255-0265.

Free Acupuncture & Herbal Treatment Services offered by Bayview-Hunter's Point Foundation, thru funding provided by the Ryan White Care Grant. Free services offered to HIV positive people of color. Individuals with a history of substance abuse are also welcome. Services for people with other medical problems are available at nominal fee. 1625 Carroll St at 3rd, SF. Hrs: Mon-Fri, 7 am-2:45 pm. Info: 822-8200.

Visual Aid: Artists for AIDS Relief provides vouchers for art supplies to professional artists with life-threatening illnesses. Vouchers are redeemable at participating Bay Area art & photo stores. Applicants must have a letter of diagnosis of AIDS or other life-threatening illnesses. Info: 391-9663.

Positive Resource, Inc: Nonprofit job referral service for people who are HIV positive. Organization provides a pool of skilled personnel to corporations, small businesses & individuals who require temporary & permanent employees. Info: Dori 928-1448.

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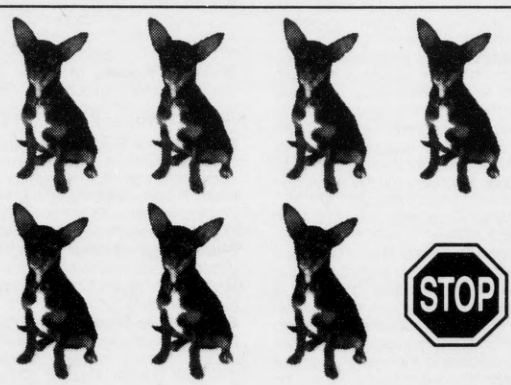

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Hospice by the Bay is a certified provider of home health care & hospice services for persons with HIV/AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses. People may receive these services in their homes or in a skilled nursing facility. Those eligible for services are also provided with practical/emotional support volunteers & support groups. Call 673-2020 for more information.

Veterans with HIV: You're not alone! Join fellow vets for an evening support group, camping trips & other social activities—free! Group meets at the VA clinic in Oakland, nr 12th St BART Station and all the bus lines. Both Eastbay & SF vets are welcome, the staff is very gay/lesbian-friendly! Info: Mike Rankin, MD (510) 273-7331.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Lesbians in Recovery meet once a month for fun & mutual support, call 664-1295 for info/location.

Henry Ohlhoff Programs (SF & Marin) provide treatment for substance abuse & eating disorders in environments that are sensitive to the needs of gay men, lesbians & bisexuals. Residential services available for men, outpatient services available for women, men, adolescents & families. Info: Men's residential—621-4388 (SF), 883-2494 (Novato); SF/Marin outpatient—221-3354.

Discover Your Right Livelihood Group: Talk about career goals & interests in a safe, anonymous 12-Step environment. DA/ACA Right Livelihood Meeting. 6:45 pm Mon at the Dry Dock, 2118 Greenwich St at Fillmore, SF. On the 22 Fillmore & the 43 Masonic Muni lines.

Castro Village Detox offers low-cost (based on ability to pay) services for people recovering from drugs and alcohol, see Health.

18th Street Services helps SF gay/bi men with alcohol/drug problems get clean & sober. Group/individual counseling. 217 Church St at Market, SF. Info: 861-4898.

Self-Mutilators Anonymous (SMA) of SF: Meets 1st & 3rd Sat of each month, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Castro. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. This is a closed meeting, please call (707) 528-9216 for more info. SMA is a recovery program based on the 12 Steps.

Free Drop-in Groups for lesbians, gay men and bisexual women & men with alcohol and/or other drug problems. Drop-in group for women meets Mon, 7-8 pm; drop-in group for men meets Thurs, 7-8 pm. Info, support & referral for substance abuse problems. Spons by Operation Recovery (part of Operation Concern). 1853 Market St, SF. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 626-7000 TTY: 252-8376.

Operation Recovery (part of Operation Concern) provides individual & group counseling for lesbians, gay men & bisexual women & men with alcohol and/or other drug problems. People with other mental health problems, who are taking psychiatric medications, and/or living with HIV, are welcome. SL fee, no one denied services because of inability to pay. For info/intake appt: 626-7000. TTY: 252-8376. 1853 Market St, SF. WA.

AIR (Alternatives in Recovery) Circle for those seeking reocvery based in spirituality & peer support, but not limited to the 12-Steps. Group seeks to expand the context in which our healing process can unfold, especially in areas of addiction/compulsion lying beyond substance abuse. All sincere seekers welcome. Info: Tree 242-1535.

Weight-Loss Support Group for Gay Men who prefer their support without the 12-Steps, Hail Marys or sworn allegiance to a higher power. Wkly meetings to share encouragement, exercise, recipes, some activites. Write PO Box 422502, SF CA 94142.

Women's Feminist Alternative to Patriarchal 12-Step Programs: Group is inclusive and validating of each women's experience. Based on Charlotte Kasl's book, *Many Roads, One Journey* and her 16-Steps for Discovery & Empowerment. Meets Mon at Old Wives Tales Bookstore, 1009 Valencia St, SF. 7:30 pm. Info: Constance 285-7017.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 424280, SF, 94142. Hrs: Sat & Sun 2-5 pm, or by appt. You must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr Library: Research & lending library contains books, periodicals and clipping files about cancer and women's health issues. Library will mail out info & answers questions over the phone. Hrs: Tues 2-5 pm, Wed 4-7 pm, Sat noon-4 pm. Info: (510) 548-9272. 3023 Shattuck Ave at Emerson, Berkeley.

DAIR (Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research) maintins a categorized collection of over 150,000 clippings from magazines, newspapers & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 1970s to the present. Hrs: 11:30 am]4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 673-0862. Mailing address: 2336 Market St #33, SF 94114.

The Oral History Project of the Lesbian/Gay Historical Society records on tape the lives & histories of lesbian, gay, transgender & bisexual people in SF & the Bay Area. Project also provides support for interviewers working on individual projects and coordinates group projects open to new volunteers. Training sessions in oral history interviewing held approx every 6 weeks. For more info call Lyndall or Nina Jo 626-0980.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: Umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

Bay Area Bisexual Women's Network: A loose network of bi women's groups around the Bay Area who offer support/discussion groups, spons wkshops & organize women-only events & social activities. For newsletter listing social activities & events as well as dates, times & discussion topics for support groups, write S, the Editor, PO Box 9388, San Rafael 94912.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Women of Color Group: Social/support group for bisexual women. Lesbian women welcome. Info: 922-1021.

Bi Women's Support Group: Meet other bi women, talk & share experiences in an informal setting. Group meets 7-9 pm on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Wed of each month, and 5-7 pm on the last Sun. Info/location: Ingrid 775-2620.

Bisexual Men of Color Group: Support group for bisexual men of color meets last Sun at 6:30 pm. For info/location call (510) 465-9671.

Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Bi-Support Group at Pacific Center/Walnut Creek: 1250 Pine St, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.

Eastbay Bi Women's Support Group: Share & explore in safety. Mon eves. Info: Jessie (510) 232-4972 or Renee (510) 841-2101.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 648-6332.

Bi-Friendly UC: Rap & social group for all members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community. Meets Wed, 6:30-8:30 pm. Location/info: (510) 642-6942. Spons by MBLGA (Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance). Wheelchair Accessible.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay: Call Betsy (510) 845-7441 for mtg location, time & other info.

Eastbay Bi Women's Social Group meets at the Tea Spot in Berkeley on Thurs, 7-9 pm. Info: Judith (510) 528-5331.

Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets 2nd & 4th Mon of each month at Vicolo Pizzeria, 473 University Ave in Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. For info call 856-6901.

Side by Side peer support group for bisexual men & women in Sonoma County, meets every Wed in a safe, confidential & friendly environment. 7-7:30 social, followed by mtg till 9:30, with short social time after mtg. Focus on any issues brought up by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome! Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Peninsula Bi-Guys group for men into male bonding, beach parties, massage, hot springs, houseboat trips, bicycling, hiking, dining out, theater, cards, games & great conversation. Info: Roger 369-1610 or PO Box 610071, Redwood City, 94061.

Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Support & discussion group welcomes any bisexual, questioning or bi-friendly woman. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Thurs of each month, 7-9 pm, followed by social at a local cafe. New participants are asked to attend the 2nd Thurs meeting. $3-5 donation requested. Quarterly network listings available, send SASE to BiNet, PO Box 934, Santa Cruz, 95061-0934. For location/info call (408) 427-4556.

Goddess-Oriented Bisexual Women's Social Group meets monthly. Info: 979-4023.

Marin Bisexual Social/Support Group meets in Central Marin on 1st & 3rd Wed of each month. Interested men & women are welcome. Info: Larry 454-5638.

Co-gender Bisexual Social Group for bisexual youth, spons by LYRIC. See Youth.

Bisexual Group meets every Wed eve, 7-9 pm in SF. Couples 30+ especially welcome. Info/location: 441-1866.

Jewish Bi's meet once per month for support/rap group. Alternate Eastbay/SF locations. Group does events for Jewish Bi's only, and also events for the entire Bi community & friends. Plus education on anti-Semitism & biphobia in the B/L/G communities and biphobia/homophobia education in the organized Jewish community. Info: Jim (415) 337-4566 or Susan (510) 528-7139.

Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Queer Literary Review: New bi-annual art & literary publication focusing on queer life seeks line art, poems, commentary & short stories. 5 poems max per submission, short stories limited to 3000 words. Submit copies of artwork, not originals. Anonymous submissions allowed, but discouraged. Include SASE for return of work. Mail submissions to: QLR, PO Box 60931, Palo Alto 94306-0931. Deadline: 10/31.

The Next Step: Out from Under, Volume Two—Call for submissions from lesbians who are "old-timers" in recovery, for a new anthology focusing on lesbians in recovery from a variety of addictions, with a focus on later stage (eight-plus years) recovery. Any style/format and recovery program considered. Send SASE for guidelines to Jean Swallow, OFU2 Editor, 2404 California St #27, SF CA 94115. Deadline: 11/1.

Bearing the Unbearable: Stories of Losing Loved Ones to AIDS: Submissions sought for an anthology edited by Leslea Newman, to be published by Crossing Press. First person nonfiction narratives in prose & poetry sought. Send SASE for writers guidelines BEFORE sending manuscript to: Leslea Newman, Bearing the Unbearable, PO Box 815, Northampton, MA 01061. Deadline: 3/15/94.

Listen To This... seeks stories, photos, art or journal entries for an anthology of real-life coming out stories of lesbian, gay, bi or questioning young people. Confidentiality assured. Write: Listen To This... 2215-R Market St, Box 112, SF 94114 or call 641-5896.

Queer Films/Videos Wanted by "The Voyeur Foyer", channel 51's new queer film & video show. Submissions sought for new series starting 1/94. Send material under 28 min and on VHS. Send SASE to Submit Films & Productions, 35 A Hoff St, SF. 94110.

Economics: Feminist/Womonist Theory & Practice for Survival in a Sexist System is the topic of the first issue of a new feminist/womonist writer's journal. Editorial commentary, short stories, poetry, reviews & illustration are welcome. Writing sought from supporters of radical feminism, lesbian/womonist rights & community-building, re-institution of the matriarchy and changing of our sexist & racist language as a tool of empowerment. Info: Suzanne (510) 540-7007.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.

Game Night! 6-10 pm every Sat night at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Drop-in, free. Play cards, scrabble, boggle, trivial pursuit, pictionary, or any game you bring. Come meet friendly folks, have some fun! Info: (510) 548-8283.

Whiptail Lizard Lounge: Alternative Dyke Space offers fun & games, music, conversation, etc for women in an alcohol and smoke-free environment. For event schedule see Main Calendar listings. 4035 18th St, SF (one block from Castro).

Coming Home Hospice Bingo: Every Thurs at Most Holy Redeemer Church, 100 Diamond St, SF. $12 buy-in/open 6/games 7.

Lezdance at Brew Moon Coffeehouse: 16248 Main St, Guerneville. Sat, 9 pm-1 am, $3 cover. With DJs Laney G & Jenny A.

Please check the "Hobbies" section for related groups.

► HEALTH

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Environmental Health Network provides fre support, info, referrals & advocacy for people with multiple chemical sensitivities. Mtgs held 1st Thurs of each month. Info: 541-5075.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

The Healing Circle: Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.

Haight Ashbury Free Clinic Acupuncture Clinic provides acupuncture & Chinese herbal medicine as primary medical care, and for substance abuse recovery & detox. 60 Brady St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs, 9 am-noon. Info: 863-1677.

Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents in a sensitive, caring environment. For info/appt call 476-4883.

The Wellness Community: A free program of hope, learning & friendship for adults with cancer, and their families. Offers support groups, workshops, resource library & social events. SF & Eastbay. Info: (510) 933-0107.

Castro Village Detox offers low-cost (based on ability to pay) acupuncture/herb detox theraphy for alcohol/drug withdrawal. Info: Mark Denzin, LAc, 252-9040.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

Single Lesbian Dogwalkers Group for single gay females with dog(s). Come meet others! Meet 1st & 3rd Sun at 11 as at Ft Funston, near the hang glider's bench. Info: Freddi 757-0142.

Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by gay male model in intimate home/studio setting. Tues, 7-9:30 pm. 1229 Folsom St, btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Call 621-6294 for reservations. Inquiries also accepted from men interested in modeling.

Greening the Mountain: Work party group for residents of the Castro, Haight & Buena Vista neighborhoods (everyone welcome). Group removes invasive shrubs & weedy plants on the Corona Heights hilltop (one of the last remaining native grasslands in SF). Meet last Sat of each month, 10 am-noon on the front steps of the Randall Museum, off Roosevelt Ave btwn 14th & 17th Sts. Bring work gloves, liquids & snacks. Info: Tom 252-0651.

Men's Nude Drawing Group: For men who like to draw the male form. Members of the group draw & pose for each other. Wed, 7-9 pm, free. Info/location: 626-8349.

Shadows of the Bay: Dark Shadows Society monthly social social gathering for fans & friends. Celebrate the lives, times & deaths of Barnabas, Angelique & the rest of the Collins clan. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.

Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.

Lavendar Winds Kite Club: Group for gay/lesbian kitefliers, and those with an interest in kites. Lavendar Winds Kite Club is a chapter of the American Kitefliers Association. For more info write Brian, PO Box 5118, #464, Fremont 94537 or call (510) 797-6997.

Dreamers & Dreamworkers Group for those interested in searching the creative power of dreams. Group of loyal friends meets regularly to share our dreams & help each other discuss the meaning of inner thoughts. Info: 584-1034.

Quicktricks, America's only accredited lesbian & gay bridge club, offers 8-wk series of classes for beginners (you can start at anytime). Call 641-4355 for info.

Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual International Folkdancing Group meets Tues, 7:30-9:30 at Eureka Valley Recreational Center on Collingwood St in the Castro, SF. Learn mostly line dances from Bulgaria, Macedonia, Israel, Canada, Scandanavia, etc. Beginners are welcome! No partner needed. Teaching 7:30-, dancing 8-9:30. Info: Jim 585-9784. Group is about evenly split, male & female.

Gay Macintosh Users Group meets every 4th Mon: 7 pm social, 7:30 pm program. Nonprofit. Everyone welcome! New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 552-GMUG.

Amazon Sewing Circle Stich & Bitch Group: For lesbians and gay men in the Eastbay. Info: Boadecia's Books, (510) 559-9184.

Fremont Gay Men's Bowling League: See Sports.

Women: Like to read? Talk about books? Come share an informal potluck and book discussion. Women's reading group meets monthly on Sundays. Info/location: Nancy 221-5623.

Gay Men's Genealogy Discussion Group meets monthly in a library for exchange of ideas, information & research leads. Interests range from recent immigrants to Mayflower lineages. All levels, from beginners to professionals, are welcome. Mtgs held on the 3rd Sun of each month. For details call Larry 647-0637 or Charles 441-7329.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & lifestyles. 621-7300.

SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

Battered Women's Alternatives: Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.

Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 333-4357

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

Battered Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders: 24-hr hotline, in-person counseling, restraining orders, support groups. Call CUAV 333-4357 (crisis) or 777-5500 (non-emergencey). Confidential.

Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.

Epicenter Switchboard: Free, nonprofit information & refferal service offered by Epicenter Zone. The switchboard provides social services information for SF and the Bay Area—healthcare, housing, youth services, legal aid, disabled needs, activists groups, employment, women's needs, lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgender services, crisis lines, parenting help, and much more. Hrs: Mon-Sat, noon-6 pm. Call 431-4600.

SF Rape Treatment Center: 24-hr hotline—206-3222. Call for crisis intervention, medical treatment, in-person counseling and optional legal evidence collection for adult survivors of sexual assault. SFRTC is a multicultural organization supportive of lesbian, gay, biseuxal and transgender people. All services are free and confidential.

Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa & Marin: 24-hr crisis line for sexual assault & abuse survivors. Call (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

The Well of Horniness opens Nov. 11 in the Theatre Rhino Studio. OnStage has complete info. Photo by Steve Savage

Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.
ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.
Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.
Eldercare Locator: Provides access to an extensive netowrk of organization sreving older people at state & local community levels. Call (800) 677-1116. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc of Area Agencies on Aging.
Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.
GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help developing a mutually-created & agreed upon solution to interpersonal, tenant/landlord, inter-and intra-group/agency and other disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Call 552-4135. 3543 18th St, Box 28, SF 94110.
Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.
SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.
Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call (510) 843-2949.
California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.
Diamond Street Youth Shelter provides shelter to homeless kids in SF (see Youth). 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Free. Info: 567-1020.
Lesbian Adoptees: For information on available resources, contact Amy Jane Cheney, 647-1492.
Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.
The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.
AIDS/HIV Nightline: Emotional support, gen'l info: 5 pm-5 am, seven nights a week. In SF, call (415) 668-AIDS. Northern California: 1-800-273-AIDS.
SF Suicide Prevention Crisis Line: 24 hrs, every day: 221-1423.
SF Youth Line: 752-2000
SF Drug Line: 752-3400.
Dial—A-Dyke: Free telephone bulletin board for women. Call (415) 241-1564 24 hrs a day.
La Raza Lawyer Referral Service (LRLS): Get consultation with an attorney experienced in the area of law you need. Info: 641-1069.
LYRIC Youth Talkline for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender & questioning youth (23 & under): Talk to other young people, get info on events & activities. SF: 863-3636. Bay Area: 1-(800)-246-PRIDE.
Pregnancy & Parenting Resource & Referral Talk Line: Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Get info on concerns & questions regarding pregnancy & HIV, as well as general parenting issues. Fridays, 1-7 pm. Call 565-7674.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Survivors of Incest, Anonymous : 12-step, self-help group meets Thurs, 6:00-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.
Ritual Abuse Survivors ACA Mtg: Women & men share all aspects of healing from ritual abuse. Sat at 1 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info.
SIA: Unrestricted discussion with main focus on ritual abuse. Group meets every Mon, 6-7:30 pm at Pacific Center. Mixed group, m/f. Info: Tina (510) 845-1801.
Lesbian Ritual Abuse Survivors Support Group meets weekly to share healing & support. Longterm group meets Wed eves. Free. Not a drop-in group. Call (510) 534-9928 for info.
Sexual Assault & Abuse Survivors offered individual therapy, support groups, legal advocacy & crisis line thru Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa and Marin. Info: (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.
Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous: Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors, and multiple personalities. Tues, 8-9:30 pm, free. Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Info: (510) 839-8844.
Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.
Support Group for Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders who are being emotionally, physically and/or sexually abused by their male partners. For info, call CUAV 777-5500. Confidential.
Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.
Battered Women's Alternatives: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.
Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.
Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.
Peninsula Battered Lesbian & Bisexual Women Support Group: Free, confidential group offered by Support Network for Battered Women. Individual counseling & legal assistance also available. Info: Anne, Support Network for Battered Women, 940-7855.
Battered Lesbian Support Group for lesbian & bisexual women who have been physically, emotionally or sexually abused in their relationships. 8-wk group is focused on supporting women to begin the healing process & learn to have loving, safe relationships. Info/res: Alison McKenzie or Mary Lee Gates at Marin Abused Women's Services 457-2464.
La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.
Services for Battered Women: Counseling, referrals & support for women who have survived domestic violence. Free & bilingual (Eng/Span). Call Cristina at 552-2943 for info.
Servicios Para Mujeres Maltratadas: Consejo individual, recomendaciones a recursos comunitarios y apoyo para jujreres que han sobrevivido la violencia domestica. Servicios son gratuitos y bilingues esp/ing. Llame a Cristina a 552-2943 para mas informacion.
For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking co-parenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.
Black Female Couples With Children Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.
Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.
Lesbians with Babies Group meets in SF. For info/location: Paula 206-1170.
Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.
Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.
Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.
Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.
NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.
GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help finding a mutually created and agreed upon solution to custody, property & other family disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Info: 552-4135. 3543 18th St, SF, Box 28, SF 94110.
Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.
The Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents, see Health.
Operation Concern offers psychotherapy for gay/lesbian families, families with gay/lesbian children (any age), blended families and mixed orientation couples. Call Saralie Pennington at 626-7000 ext 173 to schedule an appt.
Pregnancy & Parenting Resource & Referral Talk Line: Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. See Hotlines & Referrals.
Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT.
Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.
Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.
Bisexual Women of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.
Bisexual Men of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.
Zebra Brigade: Social organization for Black and white lesbian couples. Mtgs in SF & Eastbay. For more info call (510) 528-9429.
African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Francine (510) 268-9087.
Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.
Black Female Couples With Children Support Group: See Parenting.
African American Lesbian Network meets in SF. For info/location call 824-8731.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group

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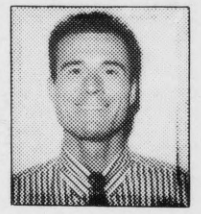

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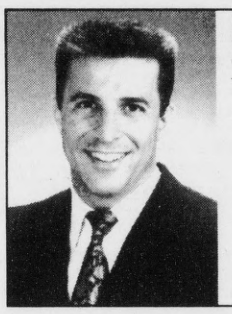

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APBS: African American Designers: Collective of African-American fashion designers, see Professional Groups.

Free Acupuncture Services offered by Bayview-Hunter's Point Foundation for HIV positive people of color, see AIDS Resources for details.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.

Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.

AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.

Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.

Trikone: Support group for gay & lesbian South Asians (people of Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan & Nepali descent). Meets 1st Sun of each month at 6 pm in San Jose. For more info write PO Box 21354, San Jose 95151-1354 or call (408) 270-8776.

CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.

GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that promotes the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 4th Sat of every month. Newsletter & various activities. For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 267-4892.

AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Gay Latino organization committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. For mtg times & other info call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.

Latin Lesbians of the Eastbay: Social group meets monthly. Info: (510) 530-3473.

Asian Pacific Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Candine (415) 621-2982 or Peg (510) 531-6879 for more information.

Asian Pacifica Lesbian Network (APLN): Nat'l network for lesbians & bisexual women of Asian/Pacific Islander descent. Monthly mtgs in SF or Oakland. For times, dates & other info call (415) 928-8885 or (510) 482-0787.

Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.

Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.

Vietnamese Lesbians' Group (VLG): Support group for Vietnamese lesbians & bi women, and Vietnamese women questioning their sexuality. Monthly mtgs, lots of food, fun & friends. Confidentiality respected. Info: (415) 575-3934 or (510) 676-3652.

Japanese American Gay Social (JAGS): Non-political, informal social group for persons of Japanese ancestry. Info: 584-7224.

Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.

Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.

Pacific Friends-SF: Non-political organization whose sole purpose is to promote greater cross-cultural understanding & friendship between Asian/Pacific Islanders and other cultures, thru cultural, educational & social activities. Info: Elliot 564-7199.

Iranian Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Group: Meet others like you, get support. Info: Hasha, PO Box 460 495, SF 94146-0495.

African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.

The Brothers Network provides emotional support to African American gay and bisexual men who are HIV+. Services include support groups, peer counseling. See AIDS Resources.

African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.

Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont CA 94002.

Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.

Arab Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For details write: ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114. Call (510) 428-0179 for info/location of next meeting.

African-American Young Men: Discussion group spons by LYRIC, see Youth.

Bay Area Native Women Writers Circle for American Indian, Native Alaskan/Hawaiian, Canadian First Nations, and other international indigenous women writers—see Performance & Writing Groups.

Lesbians of Color Project of the National Center for Lesbian Rights welcomes interested lesbians of color to join the Lesbians of Color Community Advisory Committee. LOC Project provides free direct legal assistance, information & access to various lesbians of color communities. Info: Stephanie Smith, Lesbians of Color Project Coordinator, 621-0674.

► PERFORMANCE

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.

VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call (510) 486-8984.

Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: 861-7067.

The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 333-2755. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.

Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.

Jon Sims Center for the Performing Arts: Multidisciplinary lesbian/gay arts organization offering instrumental, dance & vocal opportunities, and video opportunities, in a fun "family" atmosphere. The Center also offers studio & office rentals. 1519 Mission St, SF. Info: Lauren 554-0402.

Visual Artists Critique Group: Ongoing group mtgs provide consistent & informed feedback to visual artists. Queer artists, artists of color & activist artists are especially encouraged. Info: Claude 821-7931.

Mark I Chester's SEXART Salon: Salon & parties focused on sexuality & creativity. Participants share artwork (your own or someone else's) such as reading, performance & static art that explores sex, sexuality & eroticism. New performers welcome, regardless of experience. Events are open to men & women of all sexualities. Info: 544-1136 (leave message).

Cole Porter's "DuBarry Was a Lady" plays at New Conservatory Theatre. See OnStage for info. Photo by Colleen Costello

Bay Area Raw Rahs: Collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance group open to men & women who are interested in mastering and performing dance routines, human pyramids, partner lifts & gymnastic stunts. Practices held Tues, 6-8 pm at Jon Sims Center, Mission St, SF. Info: Steve (510) 228-7497 or Michael (415) 863-0533.

SF Fringe Riders perform country western dance routines at fundraising & gay/lesbian events throughout Calif. Membership in this all-women dance troupe is open to all women who demonsrate dance ability and are intersted in promoting country western dancing. For membership info call (510) 482-1830; for performance or other info call (510) 939-4406 or (415) 647-9670.

931 Cloggers: All-women's clogging team from San Jose. Group performs at rodeos, conventions, SF Freedom Day Parade and many other charity events. Info: Jaci Murray (510) 264-1529.

LIPS: (Lesbian Installation Projects). Work on an installation concerning Sappho, with other lesbian artists. Artists in all media & musicians are welcome. Lunchtime potluck & ideas exchange. Info/location: (510) 222-7989.

Just A Stage Lesbian & Gay Improv Comedy Theater Group: Wkly open workshops in improv with Just A Stage performers. New members are always welcome! Info: Ed 824-7929.

► POLITICAL

Queer Nation: A working activist group which utilizes direct action to oppose & eliminate heterosexism & homophobia. For meeting times, location & info call the Queer Line, 985-7141.

Transgender Nation: A diverse group of transgendered and non-transgendered people united in anger & resolved to directly empower all transgendered people by direct political action. For info call 586-6409 or write 584 Castro St #288, SF 94114.

Queer Planet: An int'l human rights organization whose purpose is to defend the human & civil rights of sexual minorities & eliminate discrimination against lesbians, gays, bisexuals & transsexuals. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Tues of each month, 7:30-9 pm at New College, 50 Fell St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Polk, SF.

Queers for Cuba works to fight US blockade of Cuba & build solidarity with Cuban people, especially queers & people with AIDS/HIV. Group informs queer communities about Cuba, while combatting homophobia within the solidarity movement. Group is inclusive of gays, lesbians, bisexuals & transgender people, and operates from the belief that the struggle for queer liberation must also be a struggle against racism, sexism & class inequalities. For mtg time & place call 995-4678.

ACT UP East Bay currently works on insurance discrmination & housing issues. Meets monthly, call (510) 836-4401 for time & place, or write PO Box 8074, Oakl CA 94608.

ACT UP/Golden Gate holds general meetings on Tues 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B, SF (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance. Info: 241-8800, FAX 252-9277. Mailing address: 519 Castro St, MS-93, SF 94114.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114.

GLAAD East Bay meets 4th Sun of every month, 7 pm, at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.

GLAAD South Bay meets 4th Sun of every month at 7 pm, at the Billy DeFrank Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose.

GLAAD North Bay: Meets 2nd Tues of each month, 7 pm at Spectrum Center for Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Concerns, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, Room #12, SF. Info: Kenny Altman 647-3055.

Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, & seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.

Lesbian Avengers: Direct action group focused on issues vital to lesbian survival & visibility. Open to all women. Group meets Mon at 7 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. For info/location call 267-6195.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 541-5013.

Stonewall Gay Democratic Club: A demo club for women & men which focuses on Democratic politics as well as AIDS, breast cancer & gay freedom issues. Meets 1st Tues of each month at 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Mtgs are often panel discussions of current topics of interest to the lesbian, gay & bisexual communities, interspersed with political endorsement meetings. Visitors welcome! Info: Steve Kline, 824-2671 or 255-8673.

Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group): A nat'l political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals & gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.

Men Against Circumcision: Nat'l organization for support & activism. Runs Harm Documentation Project and Action Alert Network. For more info write NOHARMM, PO Box 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.

Berkeley Women in Black: Weekly vigil for peace in the Middle East and against the Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands. Non-hierarchical, diverse group of women who strive to build a non-patriarchal peace culture based upon the values of caring, equality and democratic empowerment. Meet Fridays from noon-1 pm at the corner of Bancroft Ave & Telegraph Ave in Berkeley, at Sather Gate. If possible, wear black. For more info write PO Box 936, Berkeley 94701 or call (510) 644-0480.

Classism Discussion Group for middle-and-upper-class lesbians meets monthly in Oakland. For time/location or more info call Elizabeth (510) 652-7729.

Lavendar Greens: Independent networking group of activist men & women that functions to foster environmental/Green values in the gay, lesbian, bi & transgender communities. Group meets in a variety of settings—monthly salons, group habitat restoration activities, etc—to share ideas & actively build/contribute to our communities. Info: Kai 282-6282 (leave message).

Whiptail Lizard Women's Collective: Dykes creating space for music, art, politics, meetings, hanging out & whatever else we want to create in the lesbian community. The Whiptail Lizard Lounge is an alternative, alcohol, drug and smoke-free community center in SF. All women are welcome! Open collective meetings every Sun at 7 pm at the Lounge, 4035 18th St, SF. For events & more info call 267-6979.

LAGAI (Lesbians & Gays Against Intervention in Central America), one of SF's most enduring radical queer groups. Group of lesbians & gay men working cooperatively & joyfully together to create revolution. Mtgs every other Mon night. For info call 664-9814 (eves) or write 3543 18th St, Box 26, SF 94110

Women Against Imperialism (WAI): 3543 18th St #14, SF 94110. Actions and events hotline number: 995-4735

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.

Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.

Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.

G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.

Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 281-0788 for meeting times & other information.

United Airlines Lesbian & Gay Employees Coalition: Group lobbies for domestic partnership benefits & encourages company participation in gay & lesbian events. For info write GLUE Coalition, 2261 Market St, #293, SF 94114-1693 or call (800) 999-3448.

Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.

Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for gay men, lesbians & bisexuals in city planning & related professions. Bimonthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.

BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) supports lesbian, gay & bisexual educators by providing monthly social gatherings & working for equality in education. Membership confidential. Educators, their families & friends are welcome. Info: SF—(415) 285-5078, Eastbay (510) 234-4627, Contra Costa County (510) 687-4851, Southbay (408) 298-1231, Sonoma County (707) 526-7931.

APB: African-American Designers, a collective of African-American fashion dsigners seek other designers (clothing makers, textile designers, accessory makers, etc. Support groups, resource sharing, networking. Info: 207-6850.

National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association (NLGJA): The gay "j's" are journalists & supporters focusing on workplace & coverage issues in the mainstream media. Info: 905-4690.

GAYLESTA (Gay & Lesbian Therapist Association) of the Bay Area. For newsletter/more info call (510) 339-8077.

Forty Plus: Nonprofit organization of managers & professionals over 40 seeking employment. Meets Mon at 8 am at 7440 Lockheed St, near Oakland International Airport. Presentations by experts in job search or career change. Call (510) 430-2400. Orientation sessions held 10 am each Wed at Forty Plus, San Jose Center, 1250 Aviation Ave, SJ. Call (408) 288-3555 for details. Free. Newcomers are welcome! Info: (510) 430-2400.

Break Out: Networking group for gay/lesbian trainers and human resource/organizational development professionals: Social & professional network. Monthly programs provide an opportunity to interact informally or hear presentations on topics of interest. To get on mailing list or for more info call Andy Black (415) 626-4071 or Grace Greenberg (510) 465-0341.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.

Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.

St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.

Senior Information & Referral Service, spons by the SF Commission on the Aging, is located at 25 Van Ness Ave, Suite 750, SF. 24-hour phone line: 626-1033.

Eldercare Locator helps families & friends find information about community services for older people, anywhere in the United States and its territories. The service is funded in part by the Older Americans Act. For info call (800) 677-1116.

Lesbians Age-Related Eyesight Loss Group: Self-help group for older lesbians who are experiencing age-related eyesight loss. Group explores practical, social & emotional issues of eyesight loss & aging from a feminist perspective. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc for Visually Handicapped. Info: 221-3201.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.

UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.

Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance at UC Berkeley (MBLGA): See Support Groups.

Sunset Rising: Sunset District (Inner & Outer) gays, lesbians & bisexuals gather for social & volunteer activities. Join us! Info: 753-6435.

Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info write PO Box 1238, Fremont, CA 94538 or call (510) 713-2455, (510) 596-3578.

Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets 10:30-1:30 pm on the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. You don't have to live in the Berkeley Flats to attend, just bring something to eat or drink. Call the hotline (510) 273-2465 for location.

Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.

Melting Pot Luck/Palo Alto meets monthly in our homes. All ages, males, females, singles & couples are welcome for neighborhood socials. Info: Bob 857-9079.

Melting Pot Luck/San Mateo County meets monthly in our homes. All ages, singles & couples, multiracial, diversity welcome. Info: Owl, 325-9266.

Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.

Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara or Judy (510) 528-9026.

Oakland Lesbians living between Telegraph, Broadway, 40th & 51st Streets: Meet your lesbian neighbors for community & fun! Call (510) 655-8792 for more info & to get on the mailing list.

Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.

Napa Valley Men's Network: Social organization of gay and bisexual men over 18, from Northbay counties. Group meets for potluck dinners on the 2nd

Sun of each month, and for addt'l events as scheduled. For newsletter, write PO Box 4307, Napa 94558.

Jewish Lesbian & Bi Women of the Southbay: Group meets bimonthly for social activities: potluck brunches, game nights, hikes, movies. Come schmooze, nosh & meet other Southbay Jewish women! Info: Joyce 965-8416.

Peninsula Bi Guys Group: See Bisexual.

Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.

Forties, an informal social club for gaymen in Santa Cruz County. Group holds a potluck on the 2nd Fri of every month. For info/location call Ramon (408) 423-1155.

Generation X: Animated social/discussion group for gay men in their 20s. Meets biweekly to explore issues of gay angst & recreation. Topics include internalized homophobia, relationships & careers. Also potlucks, outdoor adventures. Info: Raman 771-4291 or Albert 252-9097.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.

Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.

East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.

New Horizons: Social/support/volunteer group for young adults in their twenties. Meet Thurs in San Anselmo, Marin at the YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. New members drop-in at 7:45 pm, gen'l mtgs 8-9:30 pm. Info: 457-3523.

Eastbay Dykes Separatist Social Group meets for fun, discussion, and to expand our Separatist support network. Assume no s/m, drugs, alcohol, smoking or perfume. Info/location: (510) 482-0635 or (510) 655-8792.

The Irish Lesbian & Gay Organization meets monthly. Info/location: 929-8877.

Negatives Being Positive: Social group of HIV negative gay men, spons by the AIDS Health Project. See Main Calendar listings for upcoming events or call the Event Line 476-6448 and press option 4 at the recorded message.

Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.

The Guys: A social alternative for athletic, active gay guys. Sun brunches, Tahoe, hiking, beaches, biking, pool, bowling, etc. Info:(510) 531-5836.

Couples Club of SF Bay Area: Group supports positive aspects of gay & lesbian relationships by providing social & educational activities for same-sex couples. Info: Mark & Mike 242-0319 or Robin & Ro 731-8960.

Queer Deadheads gather for social events. For info/newsletter: Dave 285-6286.

Brainy, Artsy Gals: Social group for women into good food & conversation about the arts. Meets 1st Fri of each month, SF & Eastbay locations. Info: (510) 658-9389.

Der Deutsche Freundschaftskreis, a German-speaking potluck social group meets on the 3rd Fri of each month. All levels welcome. Info: Don 329-1438.

Avis Au Public: San Franciscains emmenez votre etendard. Parlons Francais ensemble. Potluck chaque 1er vendredi du mois. Info: 776-1496.

Utne-Style Salon: Engage in substantial discussion of politics, art, spirituality, activism, humor, gaia, etc. Snobbery—no; real talk—yes. Women & people of color are especially encouraged. Meets twice a month.\Info: Sheila 695-2968 or Mitchell 861-5673.

SF Lesbians Teatime Group: Social group for SF lesbians meets monthly at teatime in the City for socializing, fun. For info/location call Dionne, 922-2137.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & 2nd Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.

Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy or Joyce (510) 653-8494.

Temple Sinai of Oakland congregation cares & welcomes everyone to services: Fri at 8:15 pm; first Fri of the month is a family service, held at 7:30 pm. Shabbat morning service at 10:30 am, preceded by Torah study at 9. 2808 Summit St, Oakl. Info: (510) 451-3263.

Jewish Lesbians, bisexual women & women friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, alternating btwn SF & EB locations. Join us for letting go of the week & your work, bringing in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture. Bring a substantial vegetarian potluck dish to share. Please wear no scents. Info: (510) 654-8104.

Nishmat Shalom: An Eastbay feminist minyan. Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call (510) 559-9759 for details.

Hartford Zen Center: A Zen Buddhist temple in the heart of the Castro lesbian, gay, bi community. Zazen meditation schedule: morning & evening, Mon-Fri. Meditation & lecture Sat morning. Come learn Zen meditation, benefit yourself & others. Abbott Zenshin Philip Whalen. Info: 863-2507.

Dharma Sisters: Group for lesbian & bi women practicing or interested in any form of Buddhism. Weekly women's sitting, monthly meetings, special events, mutual support. All women are welcome! Info: 826-7990.

Gay Buddhist Fraternity: For gay men who practice any form of the Buddhadharma, or who are interested in practicing. Meet 2nd & 4th Sun of each month in a beautiful SF meeting place for meditation, discussion & interaction. Additional group events & retreats held occasionally. Beginners welcome! For info call 974-9878, please leave your phone number.

Vajrayana Buddhist Support Group for gay/bisexual men meets in SF. Practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism are welcome to join a supportive circle of male friends. Info: 974-9878.

Tayu Center: a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern gay spiritual adept. Study groups meet 2nd Fri of each month at 7:30 pm in the Eastbay (776 Colusa Ave, El Cerrito), 3rd Tues at 8 pm in Marin (786 Marin Dr, Mill Valley) and last Tues at 8 pm in Sebastopol (898 Daniel St). Includes co-meditation (2-person), reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.

Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.

Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.

Witches Support Group meets to address issues. Women only. Jewish witches especially welcome. Info: 985-7473 leave message for Janette.

Women's Spirituality Circle: Eastbay. Tues 7:30 pm. Free. Info: (510) 444-3337 or (415) 648-7592.

Imaging the Goddess as a personal, political & fun action. Make a unique politicl statement, explore your creativity & connections to strong images of wimmin. Free wkshops offered throughout Spring, all wimmin welcome, art-phobics especially encouraged. Eastbay & SF locations, call (510) 655-2179 for info.

J Krishnamurti Dialogues & Video Screenings offered in SF and the Eastbay. Dialogues are held every Mon in SF. Call (415) 469-0606 for time, location & other info.

Unitarian Universalist Church: Sun services at 11 am. Potluck every 2nd Sun. Congregation working toward becoming an intentionally welcoming community to lesbians, gays & bisexuals. 1187 Franklin St at Geary, SF.

Walnut Creek Interweave, a chapter of Unitarian Universalists addressing concerns of gays, lesbians, TV, Bi, TS & straight allies meet last Sun of each month at Mt Diablo Unitarian Universalist church, noon-1 pm after the 10:30 am service. Info: Alison (510) 228-0323 or Claudia (510) 937-7566.

St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.

Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.

St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.

Dolores Street Baptist Church: Small, inclusive & caring congregation of folks from many backgrounds & religious traditions. Sunday: 9:30 am Biblical Discernment on Today's Issues; 11 am worship. 208 Dolores St, SF. Call 861-1434 for more info or church vision statement. Everyone welcome!

Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.

American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.

Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.

First Baptist Church, Berkeley welcomes and affirms lesbian, gay & bisexual people in all lay & professional ministries. Small, friendly, energetic congregation. Worship services Sun at 10 am in the chapel at the corner of Dana & Durant, Berkeley. Rev Esther Hargis, pastor. Info: (510) 848-5838.

Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.

Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.

Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.

St John's Presbyterian Church: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.

Alameda First Congregational Church holds that all people are equally loved & accepted. You are welcome to Sun services at 10:30 am, 1912 Central Ave, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-6012.

First Congregational Church of Christ: Post & Mason Sts, SF. A Church "open & affirming" of all people, with active lesbian & gay members involved in all levels of church life & worship. Info: 392-7461.

St John's United Church of Christ, Laguna Honda at Woodside. An open & affirming church, welcoming people of all ages, races, shapes, sizes and abilities. Worship at 10 am with people who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay & lesbian. Diversity is encouraged & celebrated. People who love to sing are especially welcome! Info: 731-9333.

Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.

Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.

New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. Potluck every 3rd Sun. All welcome! Rev Barry Wichman, pastor. Leslie Addison, clergy intern. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.

MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.

Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.

New Hope! MCC of Santa Rosa meets 11:30 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Bob Cunningham. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.

Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Betty Pederson (707) 869-0552.

Evangelicals Concerned-SF Bay Area: Local chapters in SF, Eastbay, San Jose, of national pro-lesbian/gay Christian organization. Weekly discussion/Bible study groups, social activities & retreats. Be affirmed of both your sexuality & spirituality. Call Andrea or Jeff at (415) 621-ECWR (3297) for details.

Agape Full Gospel Fellowship: Ministry for all communities. Promotes spiritual, mental, physical & social wholeness thru Jesus Christ. Sunday worship service at 1 pm at 50 Belcher, SF. Thurs bible study at 7 pm, call for location. Info: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 861-2934.

Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church: Group of born-again Christian gays & lesbians reaching out with a message of Christ's resotring love to all people. Worship service Sun at 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Bible study Tues at 7:30 pm at Dolores Street Baptist Church, 208 Dolores St, SF. Info: Call 563-2973, or write Box 14462, SF 94114.

St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.

Icon Orthodox Fellowship: Support group by & for gay & lesbian Orthodox Christians. HIV-positive people are especially welcome. Info/brochure: 673-6729, 11 am-7 pm.

Saint Raphael's Liberal Catholic Church: An apostolic church based on theosophical ideals & freedom of thought. Homage to Our Lady held every Sun at 9:45 am, mass at 10 am. Services held at 220 Danvers St at Caselli, SF. Open communion. Everyone welcome. Info: Rev Martin Nowinski 550-1576.

GLAD (Gay, Lesbian & Affirming Disciples/Christian Church) meet the 3rd Sun of each month at University Christian Church, 2401 Le Conte Ave, Berkeley. 4-7 pm. Potluck. Info: (510) 644-1823.

Affirmation: Gay & Lesbian Mormons meet every Sun at 5:30 pm at the Pension Hotel, 1668 Market St between Van Ness Ave & Market Sts, SF. Come meet queer Mormons in a social support group not affiliated with the LDS churchb. Info: (415) 641-4554 or (510) 658-1839.

► SPORTS

SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Sun 9 am, Dolores Park. Info: Jim Durkin 863-0954.

Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Greg (510) 482-4391, Roz (510) 939-3579 or Bill (510) 528-0339..

Baylands Frontrunners: Social and running/walking club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Southbay & Peninsula locations. Men & women welcome. Group meets every Sat at 9 am at the Baylands Athletic Center in Palo Alto. For more info call (408) 984-4076.

SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month s schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 826-3489 eves.

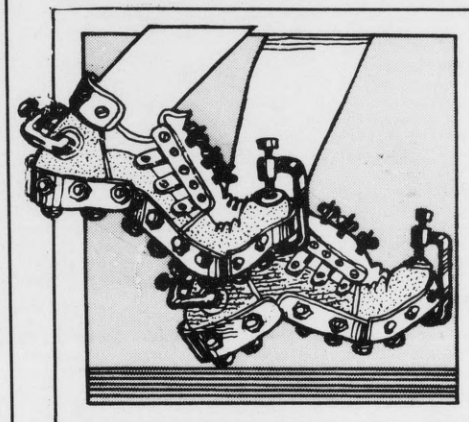
Different Spokes/SF: Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular "Decide & Ride" each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.

Marin Hike & Bike Club for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys while hiking, biking, camping, etc; or for informal social gatherings. No membership fees. Info: 927-3827.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD (510) 653-6127. For info & free sample newsletter, call 281-5666 (24-hrs).

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Loma Prieta (Southbay) Chapter: 2448 Watson Court, Palo Alto, 94303. Call voicemail (408) 236-2170 for info.

Wilderness Women explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.



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– Camping, hiking, biking, sports teams
– Movie nights
– Women's sex and health fair

For more information, call the talkline number (above) and see the Bay Times listings under youth. LYRIC activities are for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth 23 and under.

Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Practices: Thurs at 7 pm, Sun at 12:30 pm. Info: Gene 821-2991.
SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.
Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont, CA 94002.
Pegasus Motorcyle Club for gay, Bay Area men: Explore Calif backroads & points of interest. Monthly 1 or 2-day runs. For info/details call Jay/SF, (415) 861-2872, Ed/Eastbay (510) 238-9406 or Allen/Southbay (408) 774-9967.
Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.
Northern Calif Rainbow Divers: Lesbian & Gay Scuba Club for the active diver in Northern Calif. Meets 2nd Tues of every month at 7:30 pm at the Sierra Club, 730 Polk St, SF. Info: Greg Abrams 821-2877.
SF Tsunami Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim team invites swimmers of all ages, races, gender & abilities to enjoy both competitive and non-competitive swimming. Group participates in meets, lake swims, int'l gay aquatic events & numerous social events throughout the year. Coached workouts wkends & wknights. Info/locations: 431-1933.
Barbary Coast Boating Club: Gay yacht club serving Northern Calif. Meets every month at the Berkeley Yacht Club, 7-9 pm. All interested visitors are welcome! For meeting dates & other info: 905-6267.
Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.
Women's Soccer Team welcomes experienced players, especially goalies. Info: (510) 523-5373 or (415) 647-3205.
Men's Soccer Team, SF Spikes, practices Tues 5:30-dark at Beach Chalet. Games on Saturdays. For details call Carlo 821-4248.
Rugby: Bay Area women's rugby team welcomes new members. Info: 621-3871 or 854-3819.
Women's Field Hockey League: Only women's field hockey group in the Bay Area. Sunday games. Call 431-2720.
SF Women's FLAG Football League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.
Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 695-9056 or 863-2789.
SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.
Ronin Dojo Karate School for Women offers instruction in Kenpo Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 731-7560.
Aikido Arts Center: For women, men, kids. Special beginners classes. Mornings & evenings. Info: 861-6044.
Hand to Hand Martial Arts: Nonprofit provides dynamic, woman-centered martial arts & self defense training in the Eastbay. Head instructor: Coleen Gragen, 4th degree black belt. Info: (510) 428-0502.
PAWMA (Pacific Assoc of Women Martial Artists) promotes martial arts training for women in an atmosphere of mutual respect & trust. Provides info on schools, classes, seminars, workshops, performances & more. Call 664-7034 or write PAWMA, PO Box 12861, Berkeley 94701-12861 for info.
Wing Tao Mobility Arts: Ongoing classes in Kung Fu for women, children & men. Info: (510) 652-5280.
Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.
BICEPS (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.
ABS (Arcadia Bodybuilding Society): Int'l bodybuilding organization, organizers of the annual SF gay/lesbian Physique Show. All levels welcome. Info: 978-9495.
Lesbian & Gay Ultimate Frisbee Team: Meets Sat 11 am-1 pm in Golden Gate Park, SF. If you can play weekly & want a good workout, you're welcome! Call Claire 285-0936 for more info. All skill levels are welcome.
Rollerblade Club for beginners on the Peninsula. Call Elena 592-7183.
East Bay Gay/Bi Sports Players social group: Competitive, but for fun only. No regular attendance or commitment required. Choice of softball, volleyball, tennis, basketball, football or other sports. All levels welcome. Suggestions welcome. Info: 769-7583.
AbunDANCE Aerobic Dance Class for Large Women: All women size 16 and up are welcome to come boogie! Mon & Wed, 6-7 pm; Sat 11 am-noon; at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. SL donation negotiable. Info: 337-6379.
Fremont Gay Men's Bowling League: Sign-up for this friendly men's league. All skill levels, from beginner to advanced, are encouraged to participate. Call Mark (510) 797-6997 for group mtg times & other info.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.
Support Group for Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders who are being emotionally, physically and/or sexually abused by male partners—see Incest & Battery.
Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.
Lesbian Adoptees: See Hotlines & Referrals.
Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.
Drop-in Gay Men's Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Join other gay men of all ages for a wkly support group, Tues 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Monday Gay Men's Group at Pacific Cetner, Berkeley: Join 50-100 gay men at this weekly drop-in group offering multiple-topic discussion & social time. Mon 7:45-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Drop-in Lesbian Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Tues eves, 8-9:50 pm. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.
Walnut Creek Lesbian Discussion Group meets Mon at 7 pm at Pacific Center, 1250 Pine St, #301, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.
Walnut Creek Gay Support Group meets Tues at 7 pm at Pacific Ctr, 1250 Pine St #301, Walnut Creek. Info: 939-7711.
Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info.
Lesbians w/mild MS: Informal support group meets monthly. For info & location, call Blue (510) 658-2477 or Ilene (415) 221-2361.
Headache Support Group meets twice a month in SF. For info call Judy 459-5839.
Hidden Disabilities/Chronic Pain Support Group for Women. Free. Leaderless. Eastbay location. Info: Dana (510) 658-0826.
Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.
Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
Coming Out Support Group at Billy DeFrank Community Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Focus on issues of people who are just coming out. Meets 3rd Sat of every month, 1-3 pm. Info: (408) 293-2429.
Tri-Valley Gays/Lesbians: Support group for all gay people in the Tri-Valley area meets in Pleasanton, Mon at 5 pm at The Center, 4725 First St, Plesanton. Info: Claudia Hartley (510) 846-2085.
Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).
Personal Support Group for Midlife Lesbians, spons by Options for Women Over 40. Facilitated by Lee Bowman, LCSW. Focus on personal issues: midlife transition, sex, relationships, health, aging, change. 8-wk groups. Wed 6:30-8 pm, low fee. Info: Options 431-6405.
Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.
Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 252-9073.
50s Support Group: Leaderless Eastbay group for feminist lesbians in their 50's (late 40's OK) to share stimulating talk, idea sharing, interesting activities, mutual support. Info: (510) 848-1654.
Married/Formerly Married Gay/Bi Men: Wkly support & social group at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Married & Divorced Men's Group meets Thurs eves in Palo Alto for social/support. Heterosexual, bisexual & gay men are welcome. Info: PO Box 1153, Palo Alto, 94301.
Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.
Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.
Lesbian Couples Group: Support/social group for lesbians. Meets Fri 7:30 pm at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info. (510) 540-6746 or (510) 548-8283.
Foreskin Restoration Group for men wanting to overcome the mutilation of circumcision & restore our birthright. Technical & moral support mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Spons by RECAP. Info: (510) 827-4077.
Men Against Circumcision: NAtional direct action network. Group runs a Harm Documentation Project, does Action Alerts, etc. Info: NOHARMM, POB 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.
Eastbay PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) meet 4th Tues of each month, and welcomes gay, lesbians & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: Betty (510) 547-4657 or Peggy (510) 524-8911.
SF PFLAG: Monthly support group for parents & family of lesbians & gays meets at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St at Market, SF, every 2nd Sun of the month. Gay & lesbian community members are also welcome. Info: 921-8850.
Peninsula FLAG: Monthly support group for parents & friends of lesbians and gays meets 7:30 pm, 2nd Wed of each month at First Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave, San Jose and 3rd Thurs of each month at St Bede's Episcopal Church, 2650 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. Group welcomes gay, lesbian & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: (408) 270-8182 or (415) 857-1058.

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.
Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.
Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.
McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.
Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.
Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.
Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.
12-Wk Process Groups for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.
Intuitive Hypnotherapy for Women: Free group offers help in assessing the unconscious for intuition, psychic development, inner guidance, health & empowerment issues. 7:30 pm Mondays, North Berkeley location. Info: (510) 527-3844.
Jewish Family Service of Santa Clara County offers "Kavod" ("respect" in Hebrew), a counseling & education program that is sensitive to the needs of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & our families, with special outreach to Jewish clients. Support groups are also available on coming out, parents of gays & lesbians and Jewish identity. Fee subsidies available. For info/reg call Karen Belford, MSW, Kavod Project Director: (408) 399-2202.
Gay Men's Coming Out drop-in group spons by Operation Concern meets Tues 5:15-6:15 pm, 1853 Market St, SF. Facilitated by Kirk Hinman. Info: 626-7000.
For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling", "relationship", "recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!
Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618
SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.
Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group at the Tenderloin AIDS Center. See AIDS Resources for details.
Transsexual Support Group: Group for anyone who is transsexual or has gender issues. Beginners welcome. Group meets every Fri except last Fri of the month at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-6224.
Transgender Nation: See Political.

► WRITING

Novel Writing Group for women who are in the process of writing a novel. Meets in SF twice per month. Info/location: Eliza 759-5898.
Bay Area Native Women Writers Circle for American Indian, Native Alaskan/Hawaiian, Canadian First Nations, and other international indigenuous women writers who want to meet other Native women writers & share words and support, resources & knowledge about writing & publishing. Group is one of many regional writers circles forming, inspired by the "Returning the Gift" Festival of Native Writers. For more info, write Victoria Lena Manyarrows, 2440 16th St #146, SF 94103 or call 864-3538.
Jewish Lesbian Writers Group welcomes Jewish women of all ages, all levels of serious writers. Poor or working class, Sephardic, Mizrachi & Jewish women of color are especially welcome. Mtgs in the Eastbay, every other Mon nights. Occasional public readings & writing retreats. Childcare costs paid. Chem-free space, group strives for accessibility. Please do not wear scented products. Please do write & talk about writing. Info/location: (510) 540-5564 or (510) 465-1294.
Lesbian Writing Group welcomes feminists from all backgrounds who are committed writers & interested in attending a bimonthly writing group. Eastbay location. Info: Aja Duncan (510) 839-5689.
Novelists' Wkshop & Support Group: Meets Mon nights in SF. Women & men together. Submit 10 pages for review. Free. Info: Rita 824-9083 or Adrian 626-3129.
Lesbian Womanist/Feminist Writer's Group welcomes committed writers of all genres, and racial & cultural diversity. Weekly mtgs in the Eastbay. Call Suzanne (510) 540-7007 or JB (510) 601-8115.
Lesbian Playwrights Group meets Sunday afternoons. For details call (415) 282-4510 (SF) or (510) 436-3324 (Eastbay).
Self-Empowerment Environment (SEE) Group meets weekly, new members are welcome. Group writes, reads & publishes stories of our growth. Different "concepts" explored each week. Info: Sountru 826-9001.

► YOUTH

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center) offers social, recreational & support activities for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth, 23 and under. For info about activities or to talk to young people call 863-3636 (SF) or 1-(800)-246-PRIDE (outside SF). LYRIC's business number is 703-6150.
Pride & Prejudice: Education/social group spons by LYRIC & LYFE. A welcoming group for the queer youth community, offers education & social events to introduce youth to pertinent community issues, meet friends, learn more about queer life, and have fun! Tuesdays, 6-8 pm at 1748 Market St, Ste 201, SF. Info: Elisabeth 565-7681.
BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.
California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.
Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-23. Thurs eves, drop-in 6:30 pm, group 7-8:30 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.
Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.
BASMYN (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) offers a variety of services for bisexal, lesbian, gay, transgender & questioning youth. A "by & for youth" organization. Discretion assured if requested. All letters answered. Free. Write: BASMYN, PO Box 460268, SF 94146-0268.
LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people. Provides support groups, leadership program, writing & performance classes and social activities. Info: 565-7681. Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services.
GALTIP (Gay & Lesbian Teen Intervention Program) provides info & confidential counseling in San Mateo County for youth and their families affected by issues of sexual identity. GALTIP is a program of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA. Info: Denee 342-5216.
Diamond Street Youth Shelter: Shelter for homeless kids in SF, part of SF Youth Network. 70 percent lesbian & gay staff. Open 9:45 pm-9 am. Offers shelter, meals, crisis counseling & referrals. Free. 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove, SF. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Open to youth ages 13-17. No referral necessary to receive services. Call 567-1020 for info.
Young Lesbians: (25 & under). Ongoing rap/support group meets every Tues evening, 6-7:30 pm at the Pacific Center, Berkeley. Free. Info: (510) 548-8283
Young women's rap group for lesbian, bisexual & questioning women 23 & under meets Mon 7-9 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. 3rd floor. Info: Call Felicia at LYRIC 703-6150.
Co-gender Bisexual Social Group spons by LYRIC meets Tues, 6:30-8:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. 2nd floor. Info: 863-3636.
After-School Recreation Group for young people age 18 & under: Includes discussion, biking, hiking, camping, tennis, photography, self-defense class, movie nights. Info: Kathy at LYRIC 703-6150.
Gay Youth Community Coalition of the Bay Area: Provides advocacy, educational services, peer counseling, networking & technical assistance to sexual minority youth and youth projects. For details call 386-4297 or write PO Box 846, SF 94101-0846.
Lambda Youth Group: Gay, lesbian & bisexual support group for youth up to age 23 in southern Alameda County. Wkly mtgs on Tues, in a drug & alcohol-free environment. Occasional social activities, field trips, special events. Spons by Project Eden. Confidential. Info: (510) 887-0566.
Contra Costa Youth Group for gay, lesbian & bi youth, ages 21 and under. Group meets Sat at 5:30 pm at Pacific Center in Walnut Creek, 1250 Pine St, Ste 301. Info: (510) 939-7711.
InsideOut, a lesbian/gay youth newsmagazine, holds weekly mtgs, Thurs at 6 pm. If your're 23 & under and interested in the journalism or publishing industries or just want to get your work published, you're welcome! For more info call 985-5243 or write InsideOut, PO Box 460268, SF 94146. Youth-run paper.

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Super Positive Gay Rainbow Column

As deadline loomed ahead of me for this very issue, I must say I did not dread it one bit but actually looked forward to it with a certain excitement. My last few columns have been slightly more focused, with either one certain axe to grind or one certain talent to profile. This column finds me with almost too many things to write about, and I'm busting at the seams to tell it like it is—so let's go!

First off, I'd like to welcome a relatively new and fresh-voiced writer/columnist to the folds of those who publish fortnightly, and that would be the ever-incredible Madeline of *Odyssey's* "Madeline Says." In just three consecutive issues of that mag, Madeline has proven herself as a girl who can cleverly toss those words just as well as she throws on make-up, and we all know that is flawlessly. Someone who breaks the reader in with a first column about doing some idiot man's drugs in the VIP bathroom at Product, then plays out the vignette by giving him a silk-gloved semi-public handjob in return proves that no matter what the fabrication, this writer ain't afraid to get her hands dirty, and that's a quality this special little cow town needs from its regularly printed writers. Madeline wins my undying loyalty and gives us all a better reason to pick up *Odyssey* than to look for our own mugging faces or names in boldface.

Speaking of me, I'd like to take this opportunity to tell those of you who've asked or are curious: No, I am not Nan Parks, but I think I saw her once entering Eros on Upper Market Street. Just kidding, but I must say I'm starting to enjoy her writing and wit and honesty more and more with each column. Facing her off with Susie Bright was the most splendid thing *SF Bay Times* could have done in the wake of all that hateful mail being flung at the poor dear. I only hope that half those letter writers are green with envy over Nan's correspondence with the sexpert of their dreams. I can't wait for our loving editor, Kim Corsaro, to assign Nan Parks to cover the next restricted Michigan Womyn's Music Festival or whatever the fuck got all those dykes and transgender people all riled up at each other. I wish more people could laugh at themselves and admit their lack of understanding as well as Nan Parks seems to. I'll admit, she does annoy me at times, but who doesn't?

I can tell you one less reason to be annoyed these days here in SF and that reason is someone real special has just moved here from the Midwest—Chicago to be exact—and if you haven't had the pleasure yet, I'm almost certain that you'll be coming across a truly beautiful, politically motivated dynamo who not only has captured my heart but also garnered my write-in vote in the last presidential election. Joan Jett Blakk is her name and I hear Gov. Pete Wilson better just watch out for this one. I first saw Joan Jett Blakk at the infamous Spew II convention of 'zine makers organized by Dennis Cooper in L.A. Here she held a press conference announcing her candidacy for president. While she answered questions from the crowd, I urged my friend Kevin to ask her, "What about the war on drugs?" She responded, "War?" gave an incredulous chuckle and said, "You obviously don't know about my drug policy." She proposed that all drugs be legal and went on further to talk about those drugs the FDA is holding back from the people. I've never felt more proud about my vote than when I voted Jett Blakk. Keep your eyes on this former candidate, current star and one hell of a nice person. She also pours a mean cup of joe at a nice little Castro coffee place and rumor has it she just adores living here.

With most joy comes a bit of sorrow and I really have to say that I'm a bit sad about the abrupt end of the nightclub Product. According to club originator Ggreg Taylor, the club lasted as long as he had anticipated anyway and he has many other ways to spend his time and other endeavors to busy himself with in the future. One I have a hunch about is Ggreg's proclivities toward political activism. Now, don't get your undies in a bundie, all of you activist types who loathe the thought of Taylor being considered similarly. Personally I learned a lot about political activism from Ggreg's Tired Party Number Two held at the Serramonte Mall a few years back. So maybe I didn't know much about such things then, and maybe not enough now either, but my eyes were somewhat opened by that shaveheaded guy with pink curlers. Chastize me for learning wrong if you'd like. Whatever. There might be lots of other areas Ggreg will take a fresh interest in now that he's free of the responsibilities of clubland. Who knows what it may be—although I witnessed him exuding a fresh enthusiasm while waltzing around Collingwood Park eating donuts with me and a couple of friends the other night. It was big fun, kind of like having Ggreg back after an absence of about a year, and the fritter was on him.

The 1015 Folsom St. location that housed Product has a new thing brewing up at the moment. With all the structural changes that have occurred over the year and the recent open air garden area and the loose, mixed feel of Sunday morning's Boogie Buffet and the seemingly welcome tone the space sets for people of all sexual persuasions and choices, I'd like to go out on a limb and predict that 1015 Folsom will eventually return to the state it was when I first moved to the Bay Area. It will become a bisexual bathhouse just like it was when they called that spot the Sutro Baths. Think about it. However, in the meantime, I hear that columnist and well-known beauty Madeline, along with designer/performer Lord Martine, may try their hand at things in the tri-level monster space. We'll see, for it's forever unpredictable, but I like the bathhouse idea.

Another thing must be mentioned while I'm batting around the clubland ball and that is, after many years of outlandish fun, a brief departure then a return to the outskirts of it all, Michael Blue, whose Club Fiend is the most fun for my nocturnal dollar, has always had his finger on the pulse of what's truly the most underground fun and mischief-filled thing to do with a San Francisco night, warm or otherwise. Whenever I walk out of Fiend at the end of a night, drenched in sweat, bruised and having possibly done something I've never before done in a bar or club, I feel satisfied, inspired and totally thankful for his highly revered vision of the kind of fun we need to have. Also, his placement of DJ Michael Pandolfi, plus his own twisted tastes, show respect for the true sound of rebellion—rock and roll. I hear he's definitely got some new things in store for us in the future, perhaps teaming up again soon with the inimitable and talented Nikki Rivera, another powerhouse with the drive to push a little further beyond people's expectations. But apparently I know next to nothing about dance music and if it's good or not. I just know that Nikki never really fails to make me dance, just like Tommy at the End Up on Sunday mornings.

A few local musicians I know here in town must have felt like dancing in the streets or some similar frolic of joy when they all received some good news from a recording industry executive. After playing live liberally every chance they could in this city for the last couple of years, improving and going through some basic instrumentation changes steadily, that ever-clever charmer of a

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band, Angel Corpus Christie has been signed to a new and major record label, Rondo, being created by the man behind A&M Records. ACC will be one of two bands chosen as the new label's first features. I sensed it was just a matter of time before this happened, based on the most recent gigs I caught, and the addition of a basic as opposed to electronic drum kit, a change that pushed the quirky accordion-powered art/pop outfit just enough into the realm of rock and roll. This band is a gem and the time is right. Congratulations to all.

This Friday night at the fabulous restaurant Eichelberger's, Kiki Durane and Herb E. will be playing the final show of an incredibly long-running Friday night feature there in the Sky Lounge of the hot spot eatery located near 17th and Bryant. For those of you who don't know about this great night of entertainment, it's the creation of Justin Bond, actor, vocalist, Joan of Arc of gay journalism, and performance demon and her hot piano man Ken Mellman. As Kiki and Herb, former lounge performers from the Princess Cruise Line, they tear it up. Kiki is a lush who has seen it all, loved and lost, given birth, courted international spies and survived breast cancer. Justin's characterization is absolute show biz brilliance. Rumor has it she's been getting dangerous with people who disturb the show with continual chatter. Oh well, what's a few upset cocktails? Run fast to that phone and reserve a spot now because Kiki and Herb won't be back till Christmas time.

Also coming to Eichelberger's, in conjunction with Pasta Night every Sunday, starting Nov. 7, is a new Connie Champagne show directed by Cintra Wilson, titled *Mambo Italiano.* Miss Champagne with piano accompaniment will sing popular songs in Italian, adopting the persona of a jaded Italian chanteuse. She'll start somewhere around *La Dolce Vita* and work her way forward in time. This sounds like a hell of a good time and a swell chance for moderately priced eats. Call Eichelberger's for reservations or information.

Speaking of reservations, if any of you still want to see the latest production of the Sick and Twisted Players, *Texas Chainsaw 90210,* call 863-5946 and make reservations for Friday or Saturday nights through Nov. 27. I urge you to reserve way in advance because the S&T Players have had sold-out shows since the beginning of the run and it seems the word is out. This onstage re-telling of the horror classic *Texas Chainsaw Massacre* begins in Beverly Hills at the Peach Pit, a popular hangout for Kelly, Dillon, Brenda, Brandon and Donna, those irrepressible, moody and privileged teens who've captured the hearts of the TV viewing nation. They find Texas to be a problem area of a much different nature than Kelly's thighs or Rodeo Drive after all the stores have closed for the day. Don't miss it. The whole town is buzzing about this show. A nurse's station will be set up to assist the faint of heart. Don't come alone. ✿

food

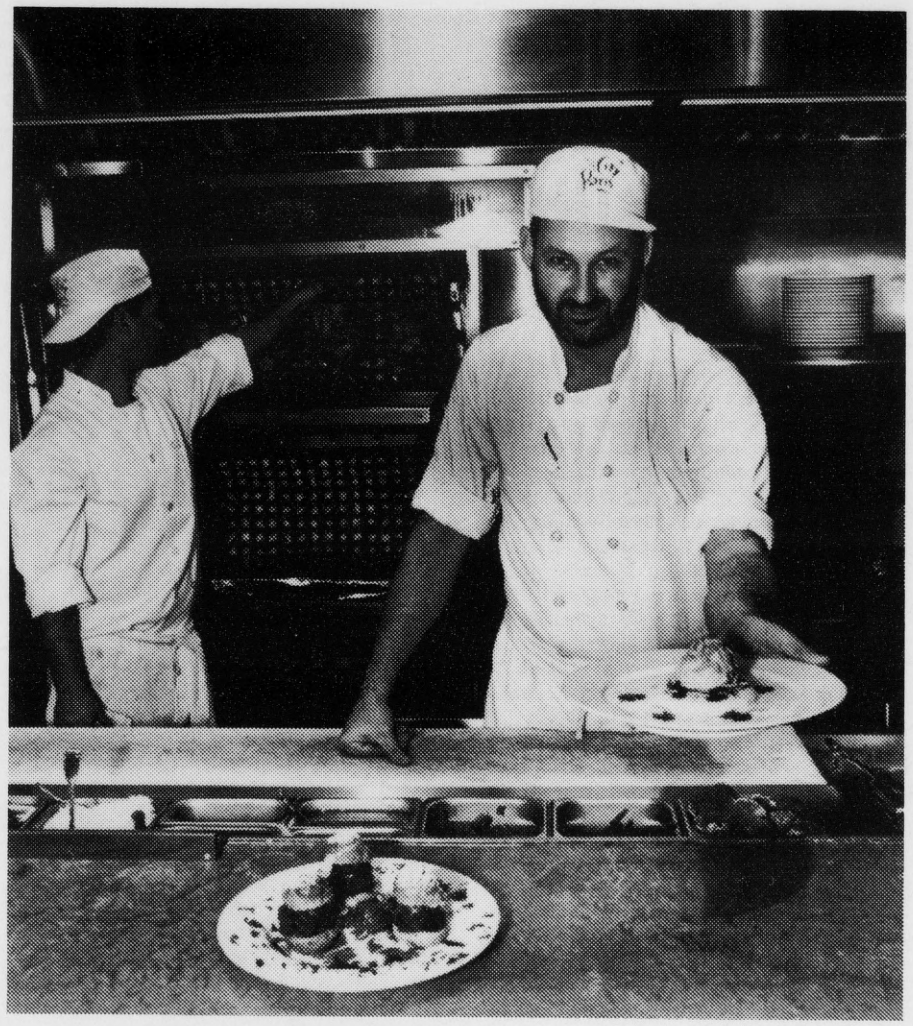
BY WILLIAM FINKLE

City of Paris Shines, With Shadows

Back some years ago when I was a poor literature student in Paris, the daughter of my favorite professor from back home invited me to lunch. I was thrilled at the chance to eat real food, have some nice conversation and, perhaps, drink some fine wine. She took me to the Bistro de la Gare in Montparnasse, a then-fashionable, art nouveau style place with lots of stained glass and sexy elongated curves. Before we ordered, Aniese leaned in close and whispered, "Very few know it, but if you order the beef carpaccio, they'll refill your plate as many times as you like."

Tempted, but not completely, I enjoyed a first-rate New York steak in peppercorn sauce, and watched, floored, as my slight French companion put away at least seven plates of the paper-thin raw beef, dressed with capers, shaved Parmesan, lemon juice and olive oil. And when the bill arrived, I did what any well-meaning guest would do—I offered money, expecting a quick, "Oh, no, that's out of the question, put that away!" But instead, Aniese tallied the bill and figured we each owed what amounted to about one week's spending money.

Fortunately, these days I don't even have to *offer* my money as a courtesy, at least on a review, since the *SF Bay Times* picks up the tab. And in a city such as ours, where good food can be had for reasonable prices, no one's paying a week's allowance on one meal. At Oliver Colt's **City of Paris**, Chef Alan Fairhurst turns out lovely food, both attractive and tasty. Patrons enter through the marble-tiled Shannon Court Hotel, into a long, narrow bar area with dining tables for smokers in the rear, or from Shannon Alley, down a few steps and into a glorious, subterranean room outfitted with green patterned carpet, art nouveau nymph murals and dark wood columns. The place has that feel somewhere between a really nice bank lobby and a refurbished Parisian metro stop, with wrought iron light fixtures and a galvanized steel counter top that runs along the entirely open kitchen. Tables are cozy and uncrowded, dressed with white cloths and polished silver.



Sautee chef Dylan Pengelley checks the oven as pastry chef Clifford Schulman displays his creation at City of Paris. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland.

Oliver, as I hear most of his regulars call him, attentively greets guests, seats them and checks back to make sure everyone is enjoying themselves. Jazz plays in the background, a welcome if repetitious addition to an otherwise charming atmosphere.

A warm **Red Cabbage Salad with Blue Cheese and Lardons** ($5.75) was composed of shredded cabbage wilted in a tangy vinaigrette with tidbits of crisp bacon and an overpowering quantity of crumbled blue cheese. The plate of **Raclette with New Potatoes and Cornichons**

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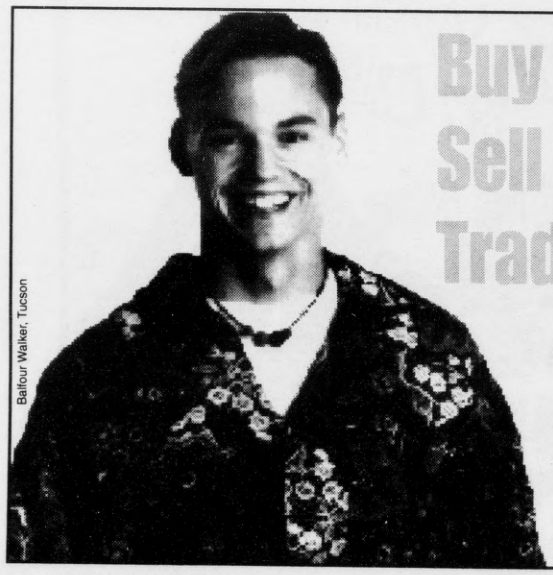
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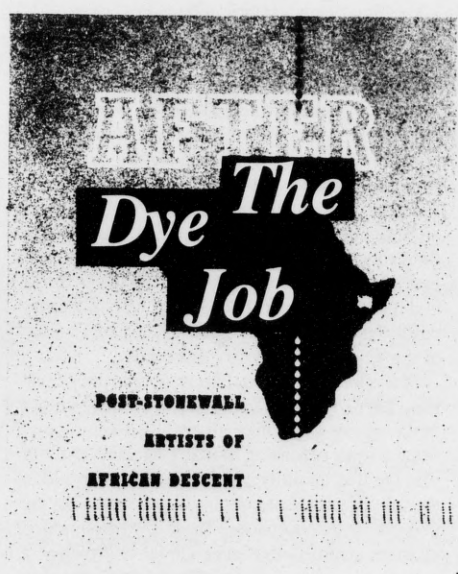

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($5.75) came bubbling and gooey; a slab of the pungent, creamy cheese framed by pickled julienne onions and tart cornichon pickles provided a peppery, soothing taste to warm the fall chill. A fileted half **Smoked Trout with English Cukes and Horseradish Sauce** ($7.25) tasted fresh and was uplifted with shaved red onions and tomato concasse, but could have been better if, for instance, the cucumbers had been dressed and the horseradish more prevalent. Crisp, sweet baguettes accompanied the appetizers, but just as I was spreading a piece with sweet butter to lap up the remaining vinaigrette, our entrees arrived: too soon, without the least hint of an apology.

I feasted my eyes on a dazzling plate of **Seared Yellowfin with Warm Tomato Vinaigrette** ($14.75), a flawlessly cooked, tender piece of fish surrounded by a sauce of capers, tomato, herbs, black pepper, olive oil and lemon juice. Although someone had a heavy hand with the acidic lemon juice, I was pleased, and although usually intimidated by broccoli, these florettes were cooked through and worked nicely. **Loin of Lamb with Grilled Polenta and Wild Mushroom Sauce** ($14.75) brought slices of lamb cut with the grain, triangles of soggy, thin polenta and brilliant green beans, all in a reduced lamb-mushroom *jus*. A special of half a **Pork Tenderloin in Red Wine Sauce** ($12.50) was rolled in breadcrumbs and roasted, served whole in a butter red wine sauce, and paired with braised red cabbage with apples and green beans, for another answer to the approaching season.

With slightly ambitious menu offerings, I didn't find any one of the selections stupendous, but then again, I've been let down a lot harder than I was here. The kitchen executes its entrees just fine; what lacks is pizazz, that something extra or unexpected that makes an ordinary dish extraordinary.

We very much enjoyed the **Newton Merlot, 1990** ($25), a Napa Valley wine produced by Mr. Newton, the man who introduced the merlot variety years ago when he was at Sterling Vineyards. A complete wine list includes many favorite California and French offerings, several of which are priced under $20. A full bar and selection of nonalcoholic beverages is also available.

Desserts proved as well-executed as everything else, but also as uneventful. The **Creme Brulee** ($4.25), served in a wide gratin dish, was covered with a thin caramelized sugar crust and encased a weak, flavorless custard. Of special note was the **Almond Vacherin** ($4.75), a ring of crisp almond meringue supporting a scoop of espresso ice cream, with chocolate sauce and toasted almonds, the whole in a pool of creme anglaise (custard sauce) scattered with lazy swirls of raspberry sauce. If it sounds like too many things going on, it's not: this is a classic and is wonderful. I also enjoyed the **Chocolate Metz Cake** ($4.25), a dense and super-rich flourless chocolate cake, decorated with chocolate shavings and halved off-season strawberries, delicious nonetheless. Intense black coffee capped our meal.

I wasn't aware of the "Stars-like hubbub" Herb Caen spoke of, but I would agree that City of Paris' "great crew" will do all they can to ensure a relaxing time. Prices are moderate, portions are fair, and if it's a clubby, pleasant ambiance you're after, as well as tasty food, head over to City of Paris. ✿

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BY CHING CHANG

Britten in Bio And at the Symphony

Though his eminence among his contemporaries was never disputed in his lifetime, Benjamin Britten could hardly have enjoyed more popularity at the time of his relatively premature death (at age 63) in 1976 than that which is afforded him nowadays. One of the most enigmatic figures of this century, Britten led a life which was ahead of the norm, both personally and artistically. Even within the cliched world of the upper-class intellectual British faggotry, his LTR with tenor Peter Pears (his companion of 40 years) was unusually open for all to see, and by far the most heavily documented gay relationship of any composer in history. Britten's operas—such as *Peter Grimes, Death in Venice, The Rape of Lucretia, The Turn of the Screw*—abound with the big taboo topics (homosexuality, rape, incest, pedophilia), which were examined with superb dramaturgy and chilling introspection, well before our current sexuality rhetoric had been widely articulated, or the contemporary liberation movements had reached maturity.

His music is generally uncluttered, employing clean lines which are layered with crystal clarity, in both his vocal and instrumental music. His articulate description of ideas and musical idioms is unusually accessible compared to other 20th century composers, and though his works may sound conservative and limited in relation to more far-reaching modernist experimental sounds, even to a trained listener Britten never sounds condescending, and all in all, his place in history as one of the major composers of this century is secure.

In this year of his 80th birthday, Benjamin Britten comes through ever more evidently as a posthumous beneficiary of the gay-lib movement, or rather, the times are ripe for others to cash in on Britten. Banned from many places even in the late 1980s, his operas are being produced with ever increasing frequency (*Death in Venice* at the Met next year, *Turn of the Screw* in Seattle, *Midsummer Night's Dream* last year in our own SF Opera, and Chanticleer's staging of *Curlew River* in February, to name a few), and this weekend, the SF Symphony will be performing his *Serenade for Tenor, Horn and Strings, Op. 31*.

Nowhere, however, is it more obvious that the times have caught up with Britten, as in the recently released *Benjamin Britten: a Biography*, by Humphrey Carpenter (Scribner's Sons, 1993, 677 pp. $30). At first, it seemed like the release of yet another Britten biography, but it is soon obvious to the reader that Carpenter's work sets itself apart from previous accounts, less so from the fact that Carpenter (a professional biographer) had extensive cooperation from the Britten estate, but rather because the author found in the present a liberated (and quite fashionable) atmosphere to openly discuss Britten's relationship with Pears or to speculate over his convoluted dealings with younger men. My main objection to Carpenter's work is paradoxical. While it is refreshing to read liberated narratives on one of my favorite composers, I'm uncomfortable with the sensationalism afforded to the treatment of every topic surrounding Britten's sexuality, which dominates the narrative. The publicity releases for the bio Scribner's sent along with the book are borderline nauseating, highlighting "first-time-ever" type revelations (which they're actually not) worthy of the sleaziest tabloid headlines.

In any case, if you'd like to hear some of Britten's music this weekend, the SF Symphony has a nicer than usual program lined up this Friday and Saturday at Davies. British maestra Iona Brown (for better or for worse, the only female conductor leading big-name orchestras internationally) will lead the orchestra and tenor Neil Mackie in a reading of Britten's *Serenade for Tenor, Horn and Strings, Op. 31.*, composed for Pears, in 1943. Estonian composer Arvo Part was deeply touched by Britten's work, and forever lamented not having met him. Part's posthumous dedication *Cantus in Memory of Benjamin Britten*, composed in 1980, will also be on the program, as will Haydn's *Symphony No. 43*, in E-flat. Concerts start at 8 pm at Davies. Call (415) 431-5400 for tix and info.

THIS WEEKEND

As the SF Symphony finds itself in the middle of yet another mini British binge (the highlight of this past week's program was John Nicholas Maw's luscious *Scenes and Arias*), the Society of Gay and Lesbian Composers celebrates American Music Week in its ninth concert season with a performance of new music by its members this coming Sunday evening.

Titled "Marches, Tangos & Music of Mystery," this concert will feature Barney Stoa's *Andromeda Nebula* (from his *Stargazing Suite* for oboe and tape), Hugh Trutton's *The Canopy of Space* for soprano and piano (featuring soprano Diana Ray), and SGLC's founder Rodger Pettyjohn's *Person's Songs*. Dennis Lindholm's jazzy playing will be heard this time in *Tango de los Molinos*, as will a collection of four marches composed by Peter Bellinger, Karl Brown and Charles Buel for the Gay Freedom Day Parade.

If Britten sounds too tame for the hardcore modernist in you, this bunch of fellow gay composers take their metier seriously and will no doubt be a lot more adventuresome. Concert starts at 7 pm, Sunday Nov. 7, at 48 Belcher St., SF (Near Church and Market). Tickets are $6 (free for PWAs). Call 333-2755 for info. ✿

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Mediyah plays magical tricks on the town gossips, Faustina and Persis, as the spirit of obeah woman Granny Root looks on, in A.C.T.'s "Pecong." Photo by Ken Friedman.

Pecong

Exotic, colorful *Pecong*, ACT's lush production of steve carter's transposition of the Medea-Jason affair to a Caribbean setting, is as explosive as a three-ring circus and that's perhaps what's wrong with it. Voodoo, calypso rhythms, prancing natives and mythical creatures dancing across stage, and the "pecong" itself (a verbal jousting in which two competing men insult each other's mothers) eventually fray the seams of Medea's story.

Shifting this classic legend of a sorceress so possessed by love that she kills her two children to avenge herself on their father is a fanciful concept, but the exuberant carnival atmosphere simply works at cross purposes to a theme of self-destructive passion.

The handsome ensemble cast cannot be faulted. Matriarch-conjure woman Granny Root (the imposing, imperious Barbara Montgomery) departs this world and passes her supernatural powers on to young Mediyah (Rosalyn Coleman), promising the girl that "You gonna see Granny when you wanna see she." True to her word, the ghostly Granny is never far from her granddaughter, manipulating and urging her on to murderous revenge with a gesture of her ragged parasol.

Playwright carter cleverly condensed his Greek chorus into two gossipy women, Faustina (Margarette Robinson) and Persis (Renee Joshua-Porter), who radiate sheer delight each time they step on stage.

Carrying Granny's heart to an enchanted island for burial, Mediyah comes upon the bloodied body of shipwrecked Jason (Michael Gene Sullivan). She immediately falls under the spell of his near-naked sexuality, and in the process begins to lose some of her own inherited magic power. As coincidence would have it, the recovered Jason has come to challenge Mediyah's brother Cedric (Leland Gantt) for the pecong championship at carnival.

Having given birth to twin boys and feeling the loss of Jason's ardor, Mediyah sulks at home as the two pecong contestants begin their rap-rhyming insults before a cheering crowd. Creon (Graham Brown) proclaims Jason the eventual winner and introduces him to his speechless daughter, Sweet Bella (Chanelle Schaffer), who speaks her first words at Jason's proclamation of love. This turn of events sets Mediyah, who has forgotten Granny's warning that women who love too much lose their power, on her final course of revenge.

The fact that Mediyah is a puppet of Granny Root rather than a self-possessed sorceress, considerably lessens the impact of her decision, and the obvious lack of bonding with her two babies (inert wrapped bundles on the floor) undermines the poignant drama of her passionate insanity.

A handsome production with well-acted scenes of fresh charm, but in the long run a drama diminished by overwriting, a plethora of carnival fluff and an over-extended pecong contest that sidetracked the more compelling plotline.

Benny Sato Ambush directed. Lush, tropical setting by Kate Edmunds, fine costumes by Richard W. Battle, sun-drenched and midnight moody lighting by Peter Maradudin, music by Wayne Wallace, pecong music by David Rudder, and sound design by Stephen LeGrand.

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Death of a Salesman

Ill-equipped to achieve the American Dream or to force it on his two sons, Willy Loman's acceptance of reality is unquestionably one of the most powerful depictions of contemporary tragedy in American theater. An aura of physical exhaustion clings to Willy's frame as he carries his suitcases up the steps of his brownstone. Though his temper is one of good cheer, his family structure, his marriage, his very life is expiring with a whimper like the refrigerator in his kitchen that barely outlasted its warranty.

Director of this San Jose Repertory Theatre production of Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman,* Joy Carlin, also stepped into the role of Willy's wife at the last minute (replacing Frances Lee McCain, who departed for a TV series). Carlin's Linda reveals the guarded resignation of a woman who has long witnessed missed opportunities, wrong turns and petty lies. Her heart is tired but, like Willy, the voice is bright with blind hope.

A major undertaking for any theatrical company, the production is a strong one in every respect. Ray Reinhardt delineates Willy Loman, not as a man of great stature who falls from grace through his own undoing, but as a little man forced at last to face the mediocrity of his own deluded existence. Reinhardt's performance offers gloss of bravura that scarcely hides the lie of Willy's illusions and the truth of crumbling loyalties. And Carlin has never been more moving and affecting than when she reads Linda's final line at the graveside, "We're free and clear."

Lighting designer Derek Duarte's mood of chiaroscuro fittingly illuminates Joel Fontaine's bleak set of two-tiered apartment buildings, a centered doorway dividing scrimmed bedrooms and furniture that glides on stage for kitchen, hotel and bar room scenes.

Impressive ensemble acting featured Angelo Tiffe as Biff, eldest son, apple of Willy's eye and once the charismatic hero of his high school football team. Tiffe is particularly touching as the now disillusioned, jobless and compulsive petty thief. Soren Oliver is Happy, the younger skirt-chasing son, ambitionless and callous to the hints of impending tragedy. Julian Lopez-Morillas is the phantasmagorical Ben, Willy's older brother, an adventurer who went into the jungle and came out

Ray Reinhardt is Willy Loman and Joy Carlin, Linda, in San Jose Rep's successful rendition of "Death of a Salesman." Photo by Pat Kirk.

a rich man, a ghostly reminder of what might have been.

Joe Bellan is the sympathetic neighbor and William Mendieta is his son, Biff's former classmate and now a successful attorney. John McCluggage is the young, indifferent employer who fires Willy. Wendy Radford is the woman Biff discovers in a hotel room with his father.

The production of this American classic, the first in the Bay Area in a couple of decades, is well worth a visit to San Jose.

Death of a Salesman continues through Nov. 7. Call (408) 291-2255.

Fortinbras

If you've ever wondered—and who hasn't?—what happened after the last scene in *Hamlet,* when practically everybody is poisoned or pierced and lying dead in a heap, Lee Blessing's *Fortinbras* answers all questions.

The comedy begins with the arrival of Fortinbras, Prince of Norway, on the scene of carnage. "I just dropped by to say 'hello,' and look at this!" Fortinbras (Isa Totah) exclaims. The actor, not one to savor his lines, rushes forward, scattering dialogue like a nervous standup comedian. It is his intention once he becomes king, Fortinbras says, to merge the two countries "Into Denway or possibly Normark."

Begged by Osric (Kevin Heverin) to tell the true story to the people, Fortinbras settles instead for a rewrite of history that will pave his acceptance by the townsfolk of Elsinore. "I used to tell the truth all the time," he says, "but people were disappointed. It's more important for a king to be liked."

Within minutes all hell breaks loose as a number of ghosts appear, some irate, some petulant, some pompous. Gertrude and Claudius (Lynn Allison and Jack Halton) re-live their lust. Hamlet (Richard Lindstrom), first trapped in a giant TV screen and later in person, is reproached by Ophelia, who chides him with "You took an awfully long time to do a very simple thing... badly."

Death has wrought a singular change in Ophelia. Played with innocent lust by divine comedienne Molly Goode, this Ophelia's nymphomania runs rampant. Her spontaneous humping of the new king leads someone to remark that she's a succubus. Fortinbras can only reply, "and a pretty good one, too."

Bob Scott is a worried Polonius and Matthew Dwyer is Laertes. Luisa Adrianzen and Dinah Leffert are two delightfully pixilated Polish maidens.

The production itself managed to keep me slightly off-kilter and the culprit may well be Blessing's hit-or-miss script. I didn't know whether it was being directed for satire (as a number of lines might suggest), or a plain and simple comedy, or a ribald burlesque (a bag which we assumed carried the decapitated head of a courtier, offered up instead a honeydew melon which Fortinbras sliced and ate). A number of acting styles were on display, none of which seemed to gel with the Groucho Marx schtick actor Totah was laying on the audience. Chris Phillips directed.

Fortinbras continues at the Actors Theatre. Call 296-9179. ✿

How the Other Half Loves

Reviewed by Charles Whaley

Just now, 22 years after Phil Silvers and Sandy Dennis starred on Broadway in the "Americanized" version of Alan Ayckbourn's wildly funny domestic farce, *How the Other Half Loves,* the York Theatre Company is presenting the New York premiere of the original British version. Meanwhile, San Francisco's Phoenix Theatre, sticking with the Americanized script, is cracking up audiences with its side-splitting take on the text.

So far as I can tell, the "Americanization" means that the actors don't have to put on British accents and that they blather about such things as the *Village Voice,* Baltimore and Allentown instead of British newspapers and places. But this kind of tinkering doesn't erase the essential "Englishness" that underlies the dialogue and the coffee-serving. Still I can't fathom Phil Silvers playing a role originated by Robert Morley.

Ayckbourn's gimmick for this play, deftly directed by Maria Mazer, is to have the households of two couples share the same stage space. Furniture is mixed (with the tacky belongings of one couple and the somewhat better—but not much—belongings of the other) so that they can cross each other's space and talk back and forth, each couple oblivious to the other.

The action takes place on simultaneous mornings and evenings, growing increasingly chaotic and outrageous as philandering Fiona Foster (Linda Ayres-Frederick) tries to keep her dull husband Frank (Keith Burkland) from finding out about her affair with Bob Phillips (Russ Davison), the "office Romeo" at her husband's place of business.

With their escalating lies to their spouses, Fiona

Keith Burkland, Linda Ayres-Frederick and Russ Davison in "How the Other Half Loves" at the Phoenix Theatre. Photo by Alice G. Patterson.

and Bob drag into the comic morass another couple, William and Mary Detweiler (Tim Lockfield and Margie Pratchenko), gauche innocents best remembered as the boring couple that the others met at the office Christmas party.

Concocting a story about the Detweilers being on the verge of breaking up, the guilty Fiona and Bob arouse the do-gooder instincts in their own spouses, who urge marital advice on the totally puzzled but eager-to-please Detweilers.

Bob's wife Teresa (Michaela Greeley), fed up with her never-home husband and being saddled with the care of her drooling baby Benjamin, invites the Detweilers to dinner the day after the Fosters, via Frank, have done the same. Each event turns into a grand fiasco that propels the play toward a slyly ambivalent close.

Flashing an overly sincere smile each time her husband comes close to catching on to her deception, Linda Ayres-Frederick is totally winning as

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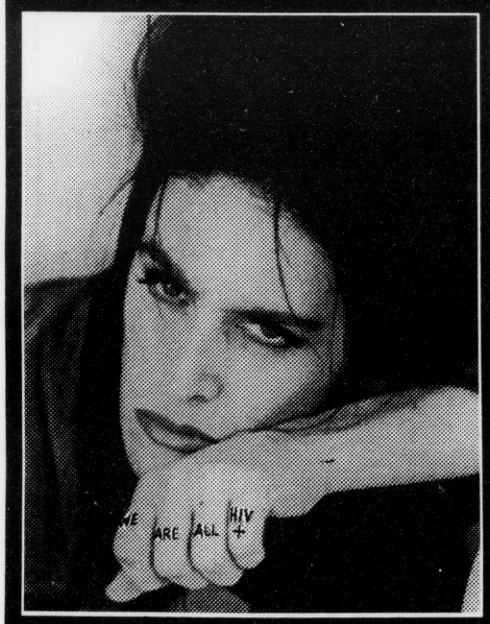

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the kind of bored matron who shops for affairs the way she shops for clothes (and that red-and-black number she models in Act Two is a scream).

Michaela Greeley's sexy Teresa is a dynamo, who in a subtle showdown with the snooty Fiona matches bitchery for bitchery. Their earlier simultaneous scene in which they decide the menus for their dinners for the Detweilers is a classic. Fiona lists avocado, veal, endives, sour cream, zabaglione and Chablis. Teresa lists a can of chicken broth, chopped chuck, brussels sprouts, frozen french fries, Jell-o and booze.

But it's Margie Pratchenko as mousey Mary Detweiler who steals the show. Even when she isn't blurting out cliche responses, Pratchenko is a wonder with her unerring facial expressions and body movements. You feel like cheering at her small triumph when she demands and gets a strangled apology from her domineering husband for his boorish behavior toward her.

Anyone looking for a theatrical pick-me-up can't go wrong with *How the Other Half Loves*. The cast is splendid and the laughs never stop.

How the Other Half Loves plays Fridays through Sundays through Nov. 21 at the Phoenix Theatre, 301 Eighth Street. Call 621-4423. ✿

Old Times

Tour de Force Theatre's production of Pinter's *Old Times*, directed by Andrea Gordon, was only fitfully successful as an excursion into the enigmatic and changing relationships of three people in a remote English country house.

Married couple Kate (Nancy Shelby) and Deely (David Cramer) are visited by Anna (Lisa Ramirez) and a cat-and-mouse dialogue of intellectual sexuality and blurred memory ensues as Deeley and Anna duel for Kate's seemingly disinterested affection. Anna and Kate speak of mundane incidents when they were roommates in London... though Anna hints that they were more than roommates.

Memories are related and embroidered. Kate remarks that her husband and friend speak of her as though she were dead. Who sat next to whom and was seduced at a long-ago screening of *Odd Man Out*? Who has usurped whose memory of the event? And was it Anna, wearing Kate's "borrowed" panties, who suggestively revealed them to Deeley in a dark corner of a pub two decades ago? Perhaps it was, perhaps it wasn't, Anna surmises as she runs her hand along her leg and moves closer to Deeley on the sofa. Positions change. A pause is broken when Anna kisses Kate and sinks to her knees before her.

Ramirez's performance as Anna was one of seductive calculation, an unreturned challenge to the wry, uncommitted smile of Shelby's Kate. As lord of the manor, Cramer's mask of assured masculinity permitted a tiny crack or two. Altered memories resolved present insecurities. One remembers things that may never have happened and then they become real, one of them says. Along with some faltering English accents, this production's disconcerting, ambiguous and threatening undercurrent of sexual tension ultimately missed its mark. ✿

Briefs...

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resume and cover letter by Nov. 19 to: National Task Force on AIDS Prevention, Attn: Raymond Dumas, Executive Search Committee, 631 O'Farrell St., San Francisco, CA 94109.

• Garrett A. Foster is launching a new publishing house, Gemini Books, which will specialize in fiction and non-fiction for gay males. All titles will be considered, but Gemini is mainly interested in gay romances, murder mysteries, thrillers, westerns, adventures and provocative, contemporary dramas set against a backdrop of fame and fortune. Send queries, detailed synopses, completed manuscripts or requests for submission guidelines to Gemini Books, 1779 N. Congress Ave., Suite 351, Boynton Beach, FL 33426-8205.

• The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force provided live election night coverage on Nov. 2, including election returns, and interviews with campaign officials, on American Online, one of the nation's largest computer information services. For more info on future programming, call (202) 332-6483, ext. 3366.

• Gay, lesbian and bisexual physical therapists are forming a nationwide group to address the political, social and support issues for practitioners in their field. The first gathering of the group was held in June, 1993 at the American Physical Therapy Association Annual Conference in Cincinnati. Approximately 15 attended. At the conference the association added sexual orientation to its non-discrimination policy, and to its policy on the provision of physical therapy services and patient rights. For more info about the gay/lesbian/bisexual group, contact Julia Chevan, Box 60313, Florence, MA 01060-0313.

• According to a deal worked out by Big Apple Mayor David Dinkins, the domestic partners of city employees will receive health benefits after working out a deal with the Municipal Labor Council and the Gay Teachers Association. The latter organization sued the city in 1988 over the issue.

• In Kent State, Ohio, a professor wants health benefits extended to gay/lesbian/bisexual partners of employees. Robert Johnson of the sociology department filed a grievance because his request to include his partner in the college's health plan was denied. A hearing is set for Dec. 7.

• A domestic partners proposal is under review by city officials in Baltimore, Md. Says Shannon Avery of the Baltimore Justice Campaign, which drafted the legislation, the plan is not just gay-oriented; it also "applies to heterosexual couples who live together or to elderly people who live together for financial reasons. It reaches out to the vast majority of families that don't fit the mold of 2.2 children and a working mother and father."

• The U.S. Nationalist Party, a white supremacist group, plans a march through New Hope, Pa., an artists' community north of Philadelphia with a heavy gay/lesbian/bisexual population, whether or not it receives a legal permit. "Gays should be put back in the closet and the closet should be nailed shut," says Ryan Wilson, organizer. The Nov. 6 march, which will draw about 150 members of the Party as well as the KKK and Aryan Nation, is set for 11 am. Stay tuned.

• A group of het Republicans sponsored their own "Coming Out Day" for those of their own persuasion, angering the queers on campus who were not amused by the parody. Under a banner that said "Proclaim your heterosexuality and get a lollipop," student Stephen Burke said the event was for people who desire to "celebrate and reaffirm their sexuality."

• Marchers in a Chapel Hill, N.C., candlelight vigil took to the streets Oct. 28 to support the inclusion of sexual orientation in a multicultural education plan for their city's schools. The 100 folks included gay/lesbian/bisexual activists as well as parents and students.

• In Redmond, Ore., a union official claims she has been told not to use Forest Service resources pursuing a complaint from a former employee charging she was sexually harassed by a lesbian coworker. Annette Trythall says she feels the Forest Service is trying to sweep the complaint from Karin McGuire under the rug. The Forest Services says it investigated the complaint and found no cause to go after the lesbian co-worker McGuire is accusing. The State Employment Division supported McGuire and granted her unemployment benefits. The Forest Service is appealing.

• A group at Yale University wants the college to axe the Boy Scouts because of the group's anti-gay stance. They say that support for the Scouts is in violation of the university's anti-discrimination policies, which include sexual orientation. While the school does not fund the Boy Scouts, it provides support for the local United Way, which does give the homophobic Scouts money.

Associated Press also contributed to this report. ✿

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BY GENE PRICE

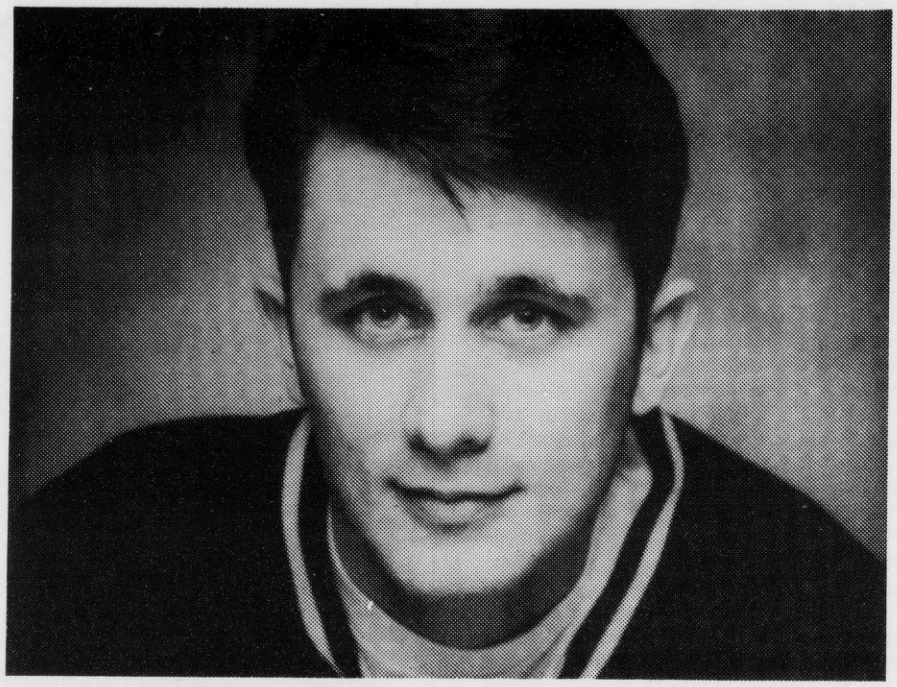
Rob Nash in 12 Steps to a More Dysfunctional You

In a year when performance art has swept across the theater scene like a prairie fire, I can count on four fingers those artists who had something to say and knew how to say it. Rob Nash was one of those four. Originally from Houston, he recently moved to San Francisco (via Los Angeles where he wrote for the "Tonight Show"). Currently at work on a sex farce, *It Takes Three to Tango,* Nash pays a return visit to Houston next month to perform a Christmas version of *12 Steps.*

After a brief mid-September gig at Josie's Cabaret, Nash returns for a one-night-only showcase on Tuesday, Nov. 9. As poignant as it is funny, Nash's unsentimental depiction of three generations of a falling-apart and finally reconciled family may well touch you with a shock of recognition. He effects his character changes during quick blackouts for the adjustment of his single prop, a sweater.

12 Steps opens in the present. Matriarch Mildred is awaiting the arrival of two friends for their twice-weekly "stitch and bitch" session. Meantime, she gossips with us. She's been on "Geraldo" ("Elderly Women Who Have Left Their Husbands") and delights in her notoriety. It took her 40 years to leave the son-of-a-bitch, she says. She no longer celebrates birthdays; she celebrates her divorce. Next year she'll be two. Her favorite son, Frederick, is a street musician in San Francisco; the other two took after her husband.

Teenager Ashley is working on her cheerleader routine. She wishes her parents would divorce so she could live with her father and indulge herself with his credit card. Her best friend has deserted her, but she loves her Aunt Miriam (aka Windsong) and Miriam's roommate Moonbird. Well, they're not really roommates, they're lesbians, but they're *so* cool.



Rob Nash comes to SF for a one night stand. Catch him at Josie's, Nov 9.

Sullen brother Matt has blue hair. "At least it keeps me out of church on Sunday." He's contemptuous of Ashley, his mother "who's being a bitch," and his father, ever since he quit drinking. Matt only smokes pot once a day, before school, which he hates. He believes in anarchy, but only if it's set up right.

Margot, the kids' mother, can't cope with her offspring and seeks solace at Junior League meetings where she can sit around and listen to the other women's Texas accents. "That dog won't hunt," she says, quoting Ann Richards, in reference to another daily disappointment.

Windsong (Margot's sister) keeps the town's New Age quacks afloat with her impressive catalogue of psychosomatic illnesses (sex was wonderful her first week on Prozac). A recovering anorexic-bulimic, she can't hold a job but writes for a lesbian journal "and they don't pay shit." Her faith in the goddess is infinite. She and Moonbird are looking for a sperm donor.

In a series of quick blackouts, each family member endures a non-productive session with the psychiatrist—his soft unctuous, voice-over creating shock waves of recognition.

Moving 15 years into the future, best-selling author Mildred, who has testified before Congress on aging, is rushing off to another guest shot on a talk show. Ashley and Matt are grown and reconciled to each other and to their widowed mother. Frederick is home from San Francisco and busy living with AIDS and babysitting Windsong's son. The dysfunctional are functioning again.

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Ann Hampton Callaway Sings At Marin JCC

One of the brighter lights in New York's cabaret firmament, singer/songwriter Ann Hampton Callaway charmed her audience at the Osher JCC Center Stage, San Rafael, last Thursday. First in the fall-winter series of cabaret acts, Callaway will be followed on Nov. 17 with an ASCAP Songwriter's Showcase with host Bonnie Franklin (TV's "One Day at a Time"), special guest Alan Bergman, and a trio of young songwriters. Franklin will do her solo nightclub act on Nov. 18 and 20.

An accomplished pianist in her own right, Callaway has been honored five times by the Manhattan Association of Cabarets, both as a songwriter and a singer/instrumentalist. She has over 150 original songs to her credit.

Elegantly gowned in glittery black and flashing her warm, wide smile, the handsome singer chose to open her set with a trio of standards: "I've Got the World on a String," and Cole Porter's "You Do Something to Me" and "I've Got You Under My Skin." A Fred Astaire tribute included an elegantly phrased "The Way You Look Tonight," after which she introduced a soulful number of her own, "Where Does Love Go?" The set of love ballads continued with "All the Things You Are" (with some fine scatting in a thrilling upper range) and "How Deep is the Ocean?"

A tribute to the women who inspired her to sing offered numbers familiar from the songbooks of Billie Holliday and Sarah Vaughn, followed by the comedy take-off, "I'm Too White to Sing the Blues." In a voice that powerfully spans three octaves, she sang her own "No One," an emotional anthem inspired by the Bosnian conflict.

Callaway's "I Can't Get Started," included truly remarkable vocalizations of solos by tenor sax, muted trumpet, clarinet and bass. The woman is her own five-piece band.

A scat lesson for the audience revealed an astonishing number of eager scatters, and she closed the set with her own very moving "Perfect," a song written to commemorate the too-short life of a close friend. ✿

The Performance Of Our Lives

The year's most splendiferous cabaret evening was put together by producers Brent Holland and Jim Ponder a couple of Mondays ago to benefit Artists Confronting AIDS, the organization founded by Michael Kearns and James Carrol Pickett that utilizes theater to explore, confront and demystify AIDS. Held at the Holiday Inn Union Square, the event pulled in the volunteer services of hundreds of behind-the-scenes workers, corporate donors, pre-show carnival/circus performers, florists and caterers, as well as a display of Quilt panels from the Names Project. And that's not counting the talent of some two dozen singers, actors and comedians headlined by Val Diamond and Sharon McNight.

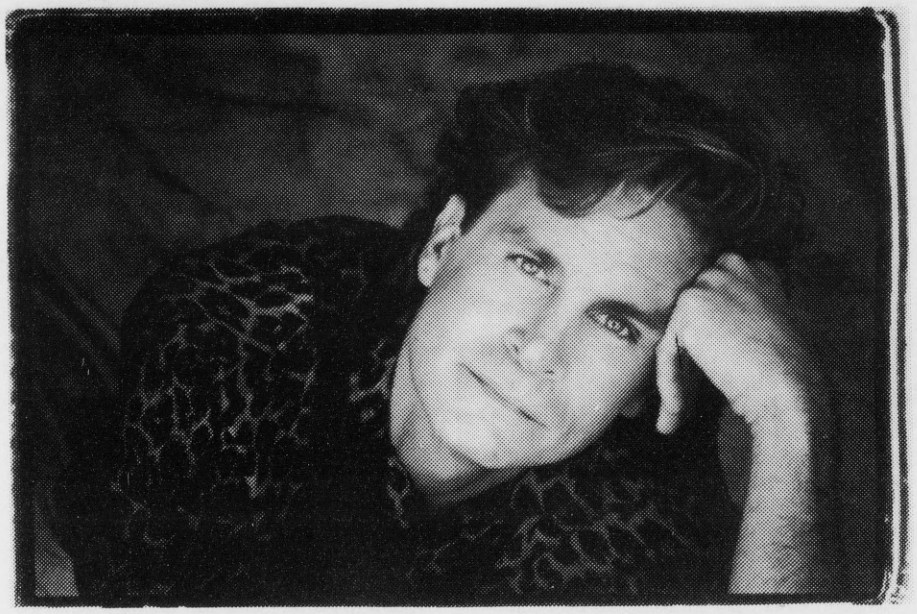
The masters of ceremony were the polished but self-effacing Brian Stinestra (brother of Brent Holland) and ruby-slippered Tom Ammiano, whose barbed wit knows no equal when it comes to cutting some of our politicians and ballot propositions down to size. Donald Eldon Wescoat accompanied all performers with the exception of McNight, who was serviced at the grand by Scott Cady.

But on with the show. Supervisor Carole Migden made a special appearance to award a proclamation from the Mayor to ACA founder Michael Kearns, whose new work, *Myron: A Fairy Tale in Black and White,* is on ACA's February agenda. Crowd pleasers Bette and Joan (aka Matthew Martin and Paul Anelli) camped up a rousing "Bosom Buddies," followed by the cast of *Queen of Angels* and a number from that musical.

Val Diamond's turn included a gorgeous "My Foolish Heart" and "Cornet Man," with her husband Steve Salgo on horn solos. (What a thrill to hear Val's voice without *Beach Blanket Babylon's* overmiked orchestra.) Peter Mintun romped through Fats Waller's "Handful of Keys," and Linda Bulgo sang "If I Can Dream," followed by Brent Holland and Susan Parks in a foretaste of *Phantom* with "All I Ask of You." Michael Benbrook (*Pageant's* Miss Texas) sang "Hello Bluebird" and "Blue Skies," and Gail Bradley sang a down-and-dirty torcher called "No Shit."

Sharon McNight opened with the title song from her recent CD, "In the Meantime," revived *Hair's* sweetest song, "Frank Mills," trashed L.A. while whiplashing her "I Dream of Jeannie" ponytail, and warbled a local favorite, "Bye, Bye, San Francisco." Nancy Bradshaw sang "Mama, a Rainbow," Clay Adkins sang "Funny Valentine" (Wescoat's piano back-up was exquisite) and Rene Lubin, perhaps unused to belting with solo piano, overpowered the lyrics to "God Bless the Child." Peggy Nisbett Brown delivered an impressively lush "Let's Face the Music and Dance," and Ritchie Waits semi-stripped to "I Feel Pretty," a raucous comedy highlight. Liana Young (currently shining in TheatreWorks' *Sparks*) sang "Bring on the Night" from *Metropolis.*

McNight returned with her hilarious, off-key "Lieder," and closed her second set with "I've



Michael Kearns provides "The Performance of Our Lives."

Loved These Days," a poignant reminder of a happier decade. Producer Holland followed with "Love Don't Need a Reason," and was joined by the entire cast on Rita Abrams' "All the Places I've Been," from the local revue *Aftershocks*. One helluva show and it moved like gangbusters.

The Lesbian & Gay Composers Concert

Reviewed by Tom W. Kelly

The Lesbian/Gay Chorus moved indoors for their fabulous Halloween concert at the MCC in the City. A CD is in the works.

What a night! The week before Halloween was a nigh sultry Saturday evening, and the Castro was occupied by bunches of bearded drag queens and other assorted revelers. Amidst sequins and shrieks, it was a crazy night out on the town.

But a few blocks away in the Metropolitan Community Church, there assembled another similar-yet-different group. Filling the main meeting hall to capacity (250 people), all sat eager to enjoy The Lesbian & Gay Composers Concert as presented by The Lesbian/Gay Chorus of San Francisco. Body heat abounded, making me wish the event were clothing optional. But when the 70-plus members of the Chorus entered and the welcoming applause swelled, thoughts of physical surroundings melted away.

Anyone who has lived in SF (the smallest big city in the world) for more than a few months will see the same faces again and again. Well, a bunch of these faces belong to the merry melody-makers in the Chorus. These members of our community have practiced all year long for the all-too-few magical concerts they allot themselves. And magic this one was!

As the title of the program suggests, the Chorus performed musical compositions by lesbians and gays, many of whom are SF residents. Five of the works presented were world premieres. By intermixing a variety of songs throughout the program, the Chorus took its audience on an audio as well as an emotional rollercoaster ride. Whimsical attacks on local transit were interspersed amongst songs of pride and strength. Given such variety, there was something to please every audience member.

Local composers featured were Lou Ceci (Chorus Bass), Marty Cormier, Marty Stoddard (Chorus Assistant Artistic Director), Leslie Steere (poet and Chorus Soprano), Rick Weaver (new Chorus Bass) and Dwight Okamura (composer and Chorus accompanist). Also heard was a number by k.d. lang and one by Stephen Sondheim. Completing the program was a guest appearance by Gordon Redhands, as well as Chorus-commissioned works by Kristin Nordeval and John-Michael Albert.

Hosting the event was Pat Parr, the Chorus's handsome blond and bearded artistic director and conductor. A dapper figure in a tuxedo, Parr spoke casually to the audience, warmly welcoming everyone with sparkling eye contact and abundant smiles. He offered anecdotal background information on each musical selection. These explanations and insights were brief and informative, never unduly slowing the well-paced proceedings.

Starting the festivities was a rousing rendition of "Our Time" from *Merrily We Roll Along* by Stephen Sondheim. It allowed the Chorus to break loose on the soaring harmonies they do so well. Next came the first two sections of the *Muni Motet* by Chorus Bass Lou Ceci (with apologies in the program to Handel, Bach and Joe Garland). Composed in six sections, *Motet* musically lambasted the inefficiencies of our infamous San Francisco transit system. The first section featured a solo by tenor Mary Cantrell, and the second a duet by tenor Michael McDonald and bass Steve Collier. The audience wholeheartedly cheered the tongue-in-cheek originality as well as its satiric sentiment.

The basses and tenors took a powder as the sopranos and altos occupied center stage and began their set with k.d. lang's *Constant Craving*. Parr arranged this number quite differently from lang's recording.

Next, Lisa Fiorelli sang section three of the *Motet*, "Operator must collect transfer," clearly based on an archaic concept. But the highlight of the *Motet* had to be "Information gladly given." Classic, dignified strains filled the hall until one brief pause, at which point a rollicking variation of *In the Mood* burst out. The final line provided the *Motet*'s best jab with "Information gladly given but only when we're... in the mood."

The eight-member core group Mnage (huit?) then took over. These four men and women act as the "musical ambassadors" of L/GCSF. At the April 1993 March on Washington they opened for "The Flirtations" in concert and performed on the Main Stage at the Rally. Recently, they performed for the National Education Association convention and the National AIDS Update Conference.

Mnage member Michael McDonald arranged their first number, "I Am Here," with music and lyrics by Marty Cormier. "I Am Here" demands dignity, acceptance and equal rights for lesbians and gays. Only allowed two selections, they concluded with "Everything's Possible," music and lyrics by Fred Small, arrangements by Joan Simcoe and Mark Bowman.

Guest artist Gordon Redhands (attention bear fans!) sang two selections of his own work, "Cry My Brothers" and "I'll Always Remember

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You,'' and accompanied himself on the guitar. Chorus basses and tenors provided backup.

The *Muni Motet* wound up with sections five and six—''For your safety please'' and ''To speed your ride'' performed by the ensemble.

Assistant Artistic Director Marty Stoddard conducted the Chorus as they sang her composition titled ''Love Song'' with lyrics by Chorus Soprano Leslie Steere. A moving number and very, very favorably received.

A rousing rendition of a Chorus repertoire favorite closed the program's first half as the entire ensemble heartily sang ''Hand in Hand'' by Chorus Baritone Jesse Kane. A crowd pleaser with lyrics promising unity and love within the Community.

Intermission proved to be a major social event, as hundreds of audience members intermixed with the Chorus while standing outside getting a breath of fresh air or waiting in line for snacks (or for the facilities).

The second half of the program featured the ensemble performing longer numbers, overall more serious in nature. They began with *Three Songs* composed by Chorus accompanist Dwight Okamura and based on texts by Marguerite Radclyffe-Hall (lesbian author of the early 1900s). Song one, ''At the Shrine of Aphrodite,'' was mysterious and haunting with a dark melody line. Next, ''Hands and Lips'' pleased with gently insistent rhythms. And finally, ''Take Me With You When You Fly'' soared, communicating an eager excitement. The audience roared their approval!

A work commissioned by the Chorus in 1986 by Kristen Norderval titled *Passengers of Infinity* (lyrics based on poetry by Emily Dickinson) followed, also written in three parts. ''Love Is'' provided dramatic dissonances while ''Each That We Lose'' alternated the musical equivalents of angry shouts with heavy sighs. And the simple (almost Gregorian) ''Passenger of Infinity'' filled the Hall with ominous mournful strains.

Next came another commissioned piece, *Survivors*, with music and lyrics by John-Michael Albert (conductor of the Houston Gay Chorus). Dedicated to ''the next generation,'' some pounding percussion provided an upbeat rhythm to this song of hope.

The Chorus ended the glorious evening with new member Rick Weaver's *Reason to Sing* which expressed loving gratitude to the audience and perhaps a loved one. ''How can I thank you for giving me... a reason to sing?'' A catchy tune. I wasn't the only one humming it on my way out into the sultry night.

By the end of the evening, I felt closer to the many singers who'd worked so hard to give a great show. Connie Johnson came all the way from Tucson, Arizona, to beautifully sign interpret the concert. Always a community event, the Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF is composed of our friends, neighbors and family. Check them out!

But don't stop there. A first is in the works! L/GCSF is producing a CD (and cassette) titled ''Together in Harmony.'' Not only the first CD produced by the Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF, it is the first CD produced by a mixed-sex gay-oriented chorus. Featured will be the works of lesbian and gay composers as well as some favorites from the Chorus repertoire. The recording will take place in the First Congregational Church in Oakland, which is perfect for its acoustic excellence. Musical accompaniment will feature Dwight Okamura: ''Doing this recording expresses our strongest message and the mission of our organization: to affirm the positive contributions of gay men and lesbians through the universal language of music!''

For information and/or to order a CD, call (415) 861-7067. $15.00 CD ($10 cassette) plus tax and shipping/handling. Though the Chorus is currently taking orders, the CD will not be available until about March 1994.

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Romanovsky & Phillips:

Still Performing After All These Years

by Tommi Avicolli Mecca

The musical duo of Ron Romanovsky and Paul Phillips is the closest thing the gay male community has to a household word.

Who doesn't know these two singer/songwriters who have contributed more to queer male music culture than any other individuals? With such memorable tunes as ''What Kind of Self-Respecting Faggot Am I?'' ''Womb Envy'' and ''Homophobia,'' theirs is a veritable gold mine of gay-conscious lyrics.

The duo's four CD's are also a musical archives of some of the major queer issues of the past several years, with poignant takes on such topics as the *Hardwick* decision (Georgia sodomy case), gay teachers and wife-beating.

Ron and Paul, who met while living here in San Francisco over a decade ago, have gone through many changes over the course of what has proven to be anything but a dull career as the queer version of Simon & Garfunkel. Their act, which developed at the old Valencia Rose, has been on the road for a good ten years, working the college circuit as well as the gay/lesbian cabaret/conference route.

Now, after an absence of a couple years from the city that first nurtured them, Romanovsky and Phillips are returning for several gigs in the Bay Area. *SF Bay Times* caught up with the pair at their home in an undisclosed location in New Mexico for an update on their activities.

Rumors aside, the duo has not broken up. Yes, they are no longer lovers—that's hardly news. But their musical partnership keeps them as involved with each other as ever.

''A lot of people don't realize we're still performing together,'' says Paul. ''*The Advocate* cover story a while ago—'Why Did Romanovsky and Phillips Break Up?'—didn't help.''

''My solo album confused people, too,'' Ron admits, referring to ''Hopeful Romantic,'' a collection he released last year. ''We see each other every day. We're still more married than most married people because of our career. We still love each other.''

Before the rumors start up again, let me make this very clear: no, they are not back together as boyfriends.

Their latest tour has taken Romanovsky and Phillips to about 50 college campuses, where many of the concerts receive heavy straight turnouts. It's a new challenge for the pair, whose act is as campy and gay-centered as one can possibly get.

''It's fun to play to people who don't have the preparation for our shows,'' says Paul. ''They don't know what to expect. That's the fun part. There's also a hard part. It takes longer to warm them up.''

Have they been heckled playing to any of these audiences? ''We haven't really been heckled,'' says Paul. ''We've had concerts where boys sit in the audience with their arms folded, but by the end of the concert they're smiling.''

''The fundies picketed us years ago,'' adds Ron, ''but not recently. On college campuses they're ready to deal with homophobia. We're dealing with a generation that believes it's not hip to be homophobic.''

''Another thing that comes up, interestingly enough,'' says Paul, ''is that a lot of straight college women are real fascinated by us. They respond strongly to the show.''

Ron and Paul's label, Fresh Fruit Records, which they founded, is not currently recording any other artists. Paul produced a cassette of out queer Big Apple singer/songwriter Joe Bracco's work last year, but no new work from other musicians is in the works.

In fact, Ron and Paul don't expect to put out another new CD until next year. They just wrote several songs for a gay play in San Diego called ''Friday Night Refugees,'' the story of a gay man in his first year of sobriety.

Ron Romanovsky (left) and Paul Phillips return to the Bay Area this month. Photo by Herbert Lotz.

In the meantime, Fresh Fruit is into the distribution business, having recently taken on tapes from the Philadelphia singer/songwriter Tom Wilson Weinberg, New York's Lynn Lavner and the nationally known Flirtations.

Their goal for Fresh Fruit? To make the company ''stand on its own two feet, then sell it,'' says Paul. ''We'd love to have a major label take our catalogue. The idea is for us to get ourselves a record deal and distribution for the rest of the catalogue.''

''We've put ten years of work into this label,'' he continues. ''It'd be nice to reap the financial benefits from it.'' Currently, according to Paul, the label is merely ''supporting itself; that's all it's doing.''

As for the act they're touring with this time around, Ron says it's not ''the same old show. There's new comedy material and a sequencer on stage so that we have a full band sound.'' How '90s.

''Sixty to 70 percent of the show is new since we've been here (San Francisco) last,'' he says. ''It's better—we've refined it and grown a lot as performers. We've gotten stronger, more together, more musically polished.''

Though they would not talk much about them, the new songs include the following titles (the subject matter's pretty obvious): ''Homophobes in Robes'' and ''If There Is a God.''

Asked if their costumes are as outrageous as always, Ron quips, ''We're still wearing funny outfits.''

And the duo are still as outspoken on political issues. On the lifting of the military ban, Paul says, ''I think on the one hand we have a right to serve. That's a civil rights issue. On the other hand, I strongly support the notion of nonviolence and de-escalation, a world without armies.''

Ron has a different take; he feels the issue ''creates a lot of dialogue. It forces one of the last strongholds of homophobia and everything men are supposed to be to confront homophobia.''

Both men are glad Bill Clinton is president. As for those of us who criticize Clinton, Paul says, ''Rome wasn't built in a day. We should give him the benefit of the doubt. Sometimes we should take an encouraging, supportive, wait-and-see kind of attitude.''

As for New Mexico versus the Bay Area, Ron says, ''I love living in New Mexico, it's a good place to chill out between touring. It's a beautiful place to live. I'm a songwriter first. I get a lot more done here.''

R&P will appear at Berkeley's Freight and Salvage on Nov. 10; San Francisco's Great American Music Hall on Nov. 17; Davis' Palms Playhouse on Nov. 19; Santa Cruz' Kuumbwa Jazz Center on Nov. 21; and Eureka's Club West on Nov. 28. They will also be featured on KQED's ''In The Life'' in November. ✿

film

BY GRETA CHRISTINA

Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas

It really does look quite terrific. The look of this film is inventive and imaginative. It looks stylish, it looks ingenious, it looks...oh my God, did I hate this movie.

Before I go any further, I should admit to a bias: I don't like Tim Burton and never have. I find his sensibility almost intolerably irritating. His heroes are insufferable and unsympathetic, and I hate, hate, *hate* his depictions of women. With the exception of *Beetlejuice* and *Pee Wee's Big Adventure* (his early stuff, in other words), I haven't liked a single one of his films. This one is no exception.

The Nightmare Before Christmas (excuse me, *Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas*) concerns Jack Skellington, yet another of Burton's tragic, clueless, doomed-to-failure, angst-ridden, tortured adolescent artist-heroes. Ho hum. The plot in a nutshell: Jack is the King of Halloweentown. Jack is filled with existential ennui. Jack stumbles upon Christmastown by accident. Jack prefers Christmastown to Halloweentown, although for the life of me I can't see why, since Christmastown is insipid and sterile and Halloweentown is lively and bizarre. Jack leads Halloweentown in a hostile takeover of Christmas. The attempt is a failure. Jack is made to see the error of his ways. Life returns to normal. Jack finds the answer to his ennui in the arms of a woman. Happy ending.

Now, I don't object to simple stories. A simple, beautiful, clearly told story is a delight and a joy. A complex, ambivalent, clearly told story is also a delight and a joy. A confused muddle, however, is not a joy, and *Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas* is just that. It presents a simplistic and two-dimensional world, and yet the view of that world is perplexing and muddy. I found it impossible to just sit back and enjoy the cool visuals. Instead, I kept wondering, "What the hell is he getting at, anyway? Is he saying that you should just be yourself? Or is he saying that you should aspire to be more than you are? What is the point of this plot twist? Where does that character fit in? Why are these people doing what they're doing? And why is Santa Claus so mean?" Burton has created an imaginary world, but seems to have no clear sense of what it would feel like to live in it. And while I don't demand simplicity, I do demand clarity. I suspect that *Nightmare* was supposed to reveal the deep enigma of the artistic soul, but the film wound up just being a mess.

Nightmare also has a nasty racist overtone. The only identifiable Black character just happens to be one of the film's two blatantly evil characters. He's even called The Boogie Man, for Christ's sake. (The other blatantly evil character is in a wheelchair. Go figure.)

I can't say whether this would be a good kid's movie or not. I don't have a good instinct for that. It is pretty gruesome in places, and the message (what I could decipher of it) is kind of fucked-up. Remember *How The Grinch Stole Christmas*, where the moral was that you can't stop Christmas just by taking away the presents? Compare this with one of *Nightmare*'s few clearly articulated messages: "There's still no trace of Santa, so Christmas will have to be canceled." Burton seems to think that the true meaning of Christmas is packed into Santa's toy bag.

Furthermore, Danny Elfman's soundtrack is tiresome at best, and is made a hundred times more tiresome by the fact that it never, ever, ever shuts up. About two-thirds or so of the dialogue/plot exposition is done in song. Blech.

I think one of the reasons I find Burton so irritating is that he comes so close. He really does have an eye, a unique artistic sense for the look of things, which makes his films seem like they're going to be a lot more interesting and insightful than they actually are. It makes me wish that he had a mature emotional vision to match his visual one.

And yet, I feel somewhat uncomfortable not recommending *Nightmare*. Constant Readers may remember that I had trouble recommending *Fearless*, because I didn't know if it was truly a great movie or just my kind of movie. Similarly, I don't know if *Nightmare* is truly a wretched movie or just not my kind of movie. It does look quite terrific, and it looks quite terrific in a highly unique and imaginative way.

So here's my recommendation: See it with a Walkman and your favorite gloom-rock tape, something genuinely dark-spirited and disturbing, to drown out the stupid bloody music and the stupid bloody plot. A little Sonic Youth or Joy Division might be just what this picture needs.

THE TRASH BIN

Fatal Instinct: Someone needs to tell the Hollywood spoof-meisters that you can't make a successfully funny spoof just by making references to other films. You have to actually *make fun* of the other films. Fun...funny. Get it? *Fatal Instinct* is supposedly a parody on the *Basic Instinct/Fatal Attraction* murdering-psycho-bimbo genre, but winds up being all over the map, with irrelevant and unfunny references to *Pretty Woman*, *Sleeping With The Enemy*, *JFK*, and other non-sequiturs. It does have a few good moments, especially the bumper-car scene and the Beer Bimbo hat. But most of the time I sat there thinking to myself, "Ah. A reference to the insurance scheme in *Double Indemnity*. That was supposed to be funny, wasn't it?" Directed by Carl Reiner and starring Armand Assante, Sean Young and Sherilyn Fenn, *Fatal Instinct* had the potential to be a very funny movie. It's a shame that it didn't work; the genre is ripe for a really vicious parody.

Flesh And Bone: A surprisingly decent movie. I'm not sure how much more I can tell you about it without ruining it for you. Written and directed by Steve Kloves (*The Fabulous Baker Boys*), *Flesh And Bone* is an odd, tense, well-made suspense story with some very real and unusual characters. Dennis Quaid shows that he actually has some acting range. I've always liked him well enough in his usual typecast roles, but it is nice to see him as something other than the charming, cocky, arrogant, adventurous, romantic hero. Meg Ryan is also quite good, vulnerable without being stupid, although her hair is a bit too well-kept for the rough-and-tumble life she's supposedly leading. Surprisingly un-gory considering the subject matter, *Flesh And Bone* uses silence and understatement very effectively to create suspense —a welcome departure from the more common Hollywood technique of foreshadowing with a hammer and depicting tension with loud staccato shark music. I didn't think much of the moral of the story, but it does have what passes in Hollywood for integrity: i.e., they didn't take a hard story and stick a happy ending on it.

A Bronx Tale: I stayed away from this film until very recently. I'd read that the story, Robert De Niro's directorial debut, was a straightforward and not particularly interesting battle between good and evil, featuring the good-righteous-decent-family-man father and the bad-dishonest-gambling-murdering-criminal Mafioso fighting over the good guy's son. That description does the film a grave disservice.

A Bronx Tale is one of the most morally complex films I've seen in a long time. It is about the father and the Mafia guy fighting over the son, but the question of right and wrong, good and evil, is—just like in real life—a little more complicated than good-guy/bad-guy. A lot more complicated, in fact. What a concept. The father (De Niro) has deep flaws and weaknesses, not just charming good-guy foibles. The Mafia guy (Chazz Palmintero) has a peculiar strength of character and a respect for non-conformity. And the son (Francis Capra) winds up taking what he needs from both men. De Niro shows a restraint rarely seen among actor/directors; he allows his own character to be less than perfect, and doesn't give himself the lion's share of screen time. The story is clearly about the kid, and he lets that be. The ending is a bit pat, with a dippy and simplistic closing voiceover. But that's a small quibble with a really terrific film.

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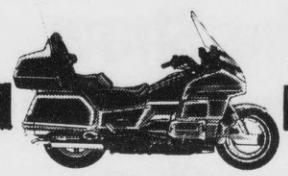

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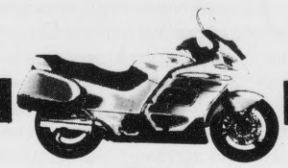

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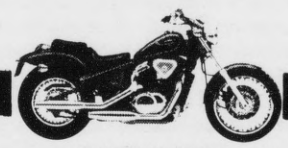

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Lesbian Vampires in Film: The Show, The Book, The Politics

by Randy Turoff

One passionate bite on the neck transforms a girl forever, and into the ghoulish life she goes. Pictured: Dracula's Daughter, ca. 1936.

On Nov. 5, Andrea Weiss is presenting a clip/commentary show at the Castro on lesbian vampires in films. An earlier version of this program happened several years ago at the S.F. International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, which I reviewed at the time and enjoyed. For the past years, Dr. Weiss has been diligently working toward the completion of her book on lesbians in film, called *Vampires and Violets*, which was just published by Penguin and which she will be signing at A Different Light Bookstore on Nov. 6. The show at the Castro comes from the heart of Weiss' book, the chapter on vampires. And extensive clips from a wide range of female vampire films will be presented along with a mini-seminar. It should all be rather titillating, informative and campy. The focus is on sexploitation flicks that portray decadent power-wielding man-scaring female vampires who seduce young virgins and turn them into lusting lesbian ladies of the night. One passionate bite of the neck or breast transforms a girl forever, and into the ghoulish life she goes.

Lesbian vampire films cover six decades of film history. According to Weiss, over 20 lesbian vampires appeared on screen between the years of 1970 and 1974 alone. In fact, most images of lesbians on screen have shown lesbians as vampires. The images, according to the thesis of her book, were meant to appeal to male voyeurism, and to articulate anxieties about female eroticism.

VAMPIRES AND VIOLETS

If men have traditionally held the keys to the film kingdom and lesbians have been misrepresented, ignored or trashed, why do lesbians go to the movies and what have we taken positively from the experience? Weiss does a nice job of subverting the lesbian-as-masochist viewer role, by studying how lesbians throughout the past 70 years of cinematic history have appropriated whatever images of "themselves" they've been able to glean from the screen. For instance, she does a thoroughgoing analysis of the 1933 film *Queen Christina* starring Greta Garbo. I have a particular fondness for this film, which was the first "lesbian" flick I saw, in a film class in college, after coming out. It was a high point of my college education.

According to Weiss, along with the overt gesture of Queen Christina kissing her lady-in-waiting on the lips, a strong lesbian subtext was working throughout this film, especially for the underground lesbian audience of the 1930s. It was understood through gossip and the grapevine that Garbo was gay, that the screenwriter Salka Viertel was gay, and that the original Scandinavian Queen Christina was also a lesbian. Although Hollywood director Rouben Mamoulian insisted on changing the script and having Christina fall in love with a man, Garbo and Viertel were able to subvert the script through lesbian posturing, movement, line delivery and double entendres.

Weiss writes about the scene in which the Chancellor tries to convince the Queen that she must marry as a duty to her country. "When the Chancellor warns her that 'you cannot die an old maid,' her response is ironic but with serious overtones: 'I have no intention to, Chancellor; I shall die a bachelor.' In this final statement, she is no longer pleading to be understood, but has closed the debate by appropriating male language in the way she has appropriated male clothing to claim her power."

Weiss addresses the notion of a collective lesbian shared history through film, despite our under-representation, our elliptical representation and our repressive representation. She studies the attitudes which might conjure up gay female sensibilities through the decades. And she speaks about how lesbian identities, which were often informed by the negative stereotyping from the outside looking in, were somehow able to be turned around and reversed by humor into campy self-caricature. Still, Weiss agrees with Vito Russo (*The Celluloid Closet*) and Richard Dyer (*Gays and Film*) that "gay stereotypes embody a wealth of hatred, fear and disgust, and their far-reaching, detrimental effect on the lives of gay people can hardly be imagined."

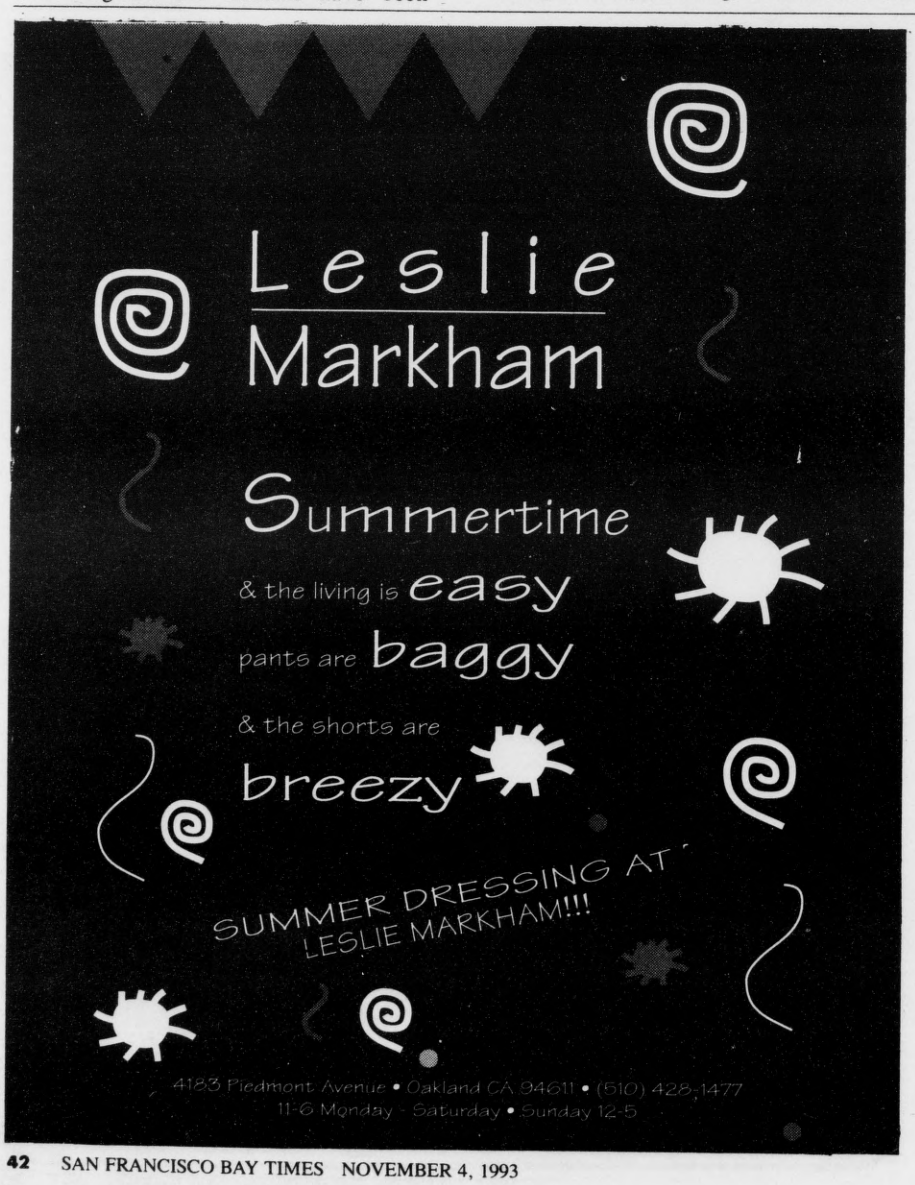
As we know quite well, the medical establishment and the burgeoning field of psychology provided fodder for the media machine and its cultural condemnation of autonomous female eroticism as perversion. Even after the Motion Picture Code was dissolved in 1968, and after the American Psychiatric Association removed homosexuality from its list of mental illnesses in 1973, Hollywood never allowed the full articulation of lesbian desire in mainstream cinema.

Weiss writes: "Cinematic processes such as the framing and composition of the image, lighting, and the juxtaposition of images and sound through editing, as well as those qualities that the cinema shares with such other forms as drama and fiction, of narrative, character, and dialogue, combine to create 'homophobic discourse' and to naturalize and thereby fortify the heterosexual order." Too true.

LESBIAN FILM POLITICS

The notion of the male as the catered-to spectator, as the privileged gender running the spectacle, and as the specter looming behind the camera or about to penetrate the frame, undermines the prospect of an uncompromised portrayal of lesbians on screen. In fact, the overwhelming male presence has consistently bisexualized or neutralized every pseudo-lesbian mainstream film that has come out. *Desert Hearts* (1985), produced by lesbian filmmaker Donna Deitch, is, in my opinion, the *only* Hollywood movie to make the grade. And this is after 70-plus years of cinematic history! At least with the advent of transgressive low-budget, lesbian independent films, the silence and disregard is being redressed.

There are a number of questions left for me which Weiss' book *Vampires and Violets* didn't address, including the place of lesbian pornography, and the dynamics of female fetishism of the female body by and for lesbians. Weiss speaks disparagingly about voyeuristic cinematography with close-up shots of fetishized female body parts. She writes about the myriad



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crotch shots in *Personal Best* and quotes director Robert Towne from an interview he did in *Soho News* in 1982 about his obsessive use of crotch shots: "I like looking at their thighs. I adore them. I want to fuck the daylights out of them ..." This is not the kind of statement that a Hollywood director could toss off so nonchalantly in the '90s. But it is just the sort of statement a dildo-wielding porno lesbo might be quoted as espousing, in all seriousness, in any number of magazines today. It would be too facile to dismiss this delectation of otherness and fetishism of body parts among so many lesbians as merely a parody of heterosexuality.

As a lesbian movie-goer and critic who supports artistic and radical efforts, both aesthetically and politically, at putting lesbian images on screen, I bemoan the lack of big-budget romantic lesbian films. I believe it's indicative of the way lesbians have been systematically excluded from all aspects of the American Dream.

As long as compulsory heterosexuality remains the m.o. of the mega-corporations, which control the investment capital in this country, there's not much change in sight. Liberal foundations and independent investors operating on tax write-offs or moral tithing are no challenge to the Hollywood system. As for public funding (lip-service democracy), there's never enough food for the feeding frenzy of underfunded artists— each representing a million others in the multicultural morass of those left out in the cold.

You need telescopic magnification to be able to locate and chart the role of lesbian filmmaking in the big picture. On the most basic level, we are the biggest social taboo. Lesbianism cuts through *all* the patriarchal cultures, and lesbians have always been viewed by the heterosexist ruling class as a psychic threat to their power. I don't see how we can expect things to open up for us when the only game in town is greed for ownership, for power and for the successful breeding of capital with capital for more capital. Capital = power over everyone, especially those who pose a threat to the monopolized proliferation of power. What do we have to sell that they'd want to buy, besides our pornography?

Getting back to Andrea Weiss' analysis of images of lesbians in the cinema, she shows how we are relegated, mostly, to the bogeyman status. In her presentation at the Castro Theatre, there will be clips from a number of different English-language horror films, which feature "female vampires with lesbian tendencies." As Weiss states, "Outside of male pornography, the lesbian vampire is the most persistent lesbian image in the history of the cinema."

Additional Film Tips, Book Tips

by Randy Turoff

Currently, in addition to the release of Robert Altman's *Short Cuts*, two other critically acclaimed features from the Mill Valley Film Festival are being released commercially. *Ruby in Paradise*, by Victor Nunez, starring Ashley Judd as the young woman coming into her own in Panama City, Florida, opens at the Lumiere Cinema on Nov. 5. *Farewell My Concubine* from Chinese director Chen Kaige, about two male opera stars, prostitution, Chinese politics and unrequited love is now on display at the Kabuki Theatre.

On Nov. 12, the Kabuki also premieres Claude Chabrol's hot new French film about betrayal and the dark side of the sexual impulse called *Betty*, starring Marie Trintignant and Chabrol's ex-wife, Stephane Audran.

On Nov. 6, the Kabuki hosts an engaging series of jazz films as part of the overall site-varied *San Francisco Jazz Festival*. This particular series is presented as the Ralph Gleason Film Festival and features video and film footage of jazz greats like Coltrane, Dizzy Gillespie, Jimmy Witherspoon, and a 1970 vintage documentary with Jefferson Airplane, Santana and the Grateful Dead. Screenings start at 11 am and go through the day and night. Call 788-7353 for the complete schedule.

The 1993 American Indian Film Festival opens on Thursday night, Nov. 11, at the Palace of Fine Arts Theater. This year there are several West Coast premieres, including Jay Craven's *Where The Rivers Flow North*, starring Tantoo Cardinal, Rip Torn and Michael J. Fox. You can call the American Indian Film Institute at 554-0525 for the full program of films and events.

SF BAY AREA BOOK FESTIVAL

One of the Bay Area's best annual events is the S.F. Book Fest, which takes place at the Concourse Exhibition Center at 635 8th St. The annual Book Fest runs during the weekend of Nov. 6-7 from 10 am-6 pm and the admission is absolutely free. The Festival is a booklover's delight with 300 publishers, bookstore and library booths, with multimedia publishing and traditional bookmaking demonstrations, and a large number of seminars, readings, panels and performances.

In fact, the Festival is really a week-long event with authors coming into town and making appearances at SF bookstores and doing readings and booksignings. This year there will be over 200 authors in attendance with a very strong lesbian/gay showing. A panel on Lesbian/Gay Teens and Parents with publisher Sasha Alyson and various authors happens on Nov. 6. Another panel that same day called "We Have Been Everywhere: Lesbian and Gay Lives Now and Then" features authors Jewelle Gomez, Frank Browning, Terry Castle, Randy Connor, Gavin Geoffrey Dillard and Jyl Lynn Felman. On Nov. 7, the panel called "True Fictions: Tales Out of Lesbian/Gay Lives" gives voice to authors Charles Busch, Joan Drury, Fenton Johnson, Jennifer Levin, Randye Lordon and Raul Thomas.

Judy Grahn will be on a female spirituality panel, June Jordan will be reading poetry and editors David Groff and Carole DeSanti will be speaking about getting work published. Other noted speakers will include Mary Wings, and Grant Michaels on a mystery panel; Evelyn White on a women's health panel; John Preston and Susie Bright will speak about erotica; and Susan Griffin will address the subject of "Women On War."

Additionally, there will be a display of Bay Area lesbian and gay magazines, and materials from the Lesbian and Gay Archives wing of the new Main Library.

Karen Finley is scheduled for a performance of some sort as well. *A Different Light Bookstore* in the Castro will be sponsoring a number of interesting readings from Nov. 2-7. Check it out. Call 861-BOOK for program information. ✿

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Peter

by Kate Walker
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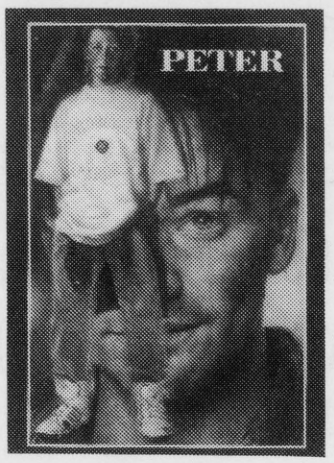

Reviewed by Katherine Gleason

Kate Walker's first young adult novel, *Peter,* made Lambda Book Report's best-seller list in September, which seems to indicate that quite a few adults are reading this book. First published in Australia in 1991, *Peter* received a 1991 Australian Human Rights Award honor and was up for Australia's Children's Book of the Year.

Peter depicts the horrors of growing up in a community bound by rigid gender roles and homophobia. Peter, the 15-year-old protagonist, enjoys photography and riding his dirt bike in suburban Australia. The novel opens with Peter riding off to meet his cutthroat contemporaries.

The all-male bike crowd amuse themselves by taunting Eddy. They decide they must "run him through the poofter test." When Eddy calls for Peter's help, Peter worries about his own status. "I've got to be careful down here myself. I'm only just accepted by these kids as it is. Being in all 'One' classes at school, and doing photography and coming top in English are considered highly unmasculine. I have to spit and swear and take an occasional leak against a tree to make up for it..." Despite Peter's caution, the young bikers turn on him, too.

That afternoon Peter meets David, a college friend of his brother Vince. Peter is surprised that David, who accompanies him grocery shopping, treats him "like a real person." In the store, David is friendly. At one point, a man gawks at them, "Got a couple of ripe fruits here." In response, David puts his arm around Peter. Despite the homophobia of the milieu, Peter seems comfortable with David's action.

Before dinner, Vince tells Peter that David is gay. "*Gay!* Hmmm, that put me off him a bit," Peter says to himself. Peter watches David at dinner with fascination. "*Me* sitting opposite the very thing the boys... are always on about—a *poof.*"

The next day, Peter's friend sets Peter up with a girl. She makes advances and Peter pushes her away. Meanwhile, Eddy has spread the word—David had his arm around Peter in the store. Peter gets into a fight with one of the other bike kids. Vince and David pull him away.

David tends to Peter's banged head. "When he took the tissues away to wet them again, my head fell forward and touched his chest.... He stroked my hair, touching the back of my neck with his fingers now and then. It was the nicest thing anyone had ever done for me. And the softest. He cared...."

Then Peter puts his arms around David. "It was like coming home, like finding the place you've always wanted to be, and I could have stayed there forever holding on to him." But the cleaning lady walks in and assumes David is molesting Peter.

Upset, Peter zooms off on his bike and has an accident. After recovering from his concussion, Peter goes into town alone. He calls a telephone hotline to try to get some answers. Is he? Or isn't he? He buys a gay men's porn magazine and hides with it in a public restroom. One of the men in the magazine reminds him of David. "I touched

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his face and let my fingers creep down the page, seeing how far I could go. Seeing what it did for me.... *So now you know.* So now I knew. And I wished I didn't."

The novel actually reads better than this. Peter is a likable character. In his voice, the plot and his reactions seem true to life. His final conversation with David, in which he concludes that he might be gay but that it's too early for him to tell, is quite touching as is the depiction of Peter's bruised sensitivity in the viciousness that surrounds him. As Peter himself points out about David, "He'd been gentle, he'd cared, and I never got that from any girl."

One serious drawback—the language in this novel will be difficult for the target audience (boys of 12 years and up). Even for an adult, it can be slow going. Some of the Australian slang is obvious from context ("bludge a smoke"—bum a cigarette). But there are several less obvious words, such as "gluggy" and "hoon."

If they can slog through the language, this book should appeal to gay and straight kids and to adults in touch with their inner adolescent. *Peter* paints a realistic and chilling picture of the individual's fate in the face of societal demands for conformity.

The Corporate Closet

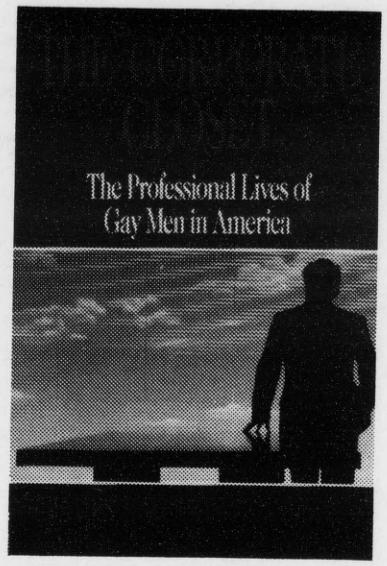
By James D. Woods with Jay H. Lucas
Free Press, 1993, 331 pp. $22.95.

Reviewed by Jack Fertig

The most unfortunate thing about *The Corporate Closet* is that it probably won't be read by those who most need to read it. For most readers of the *SF Bay Times*, the entire syndrome of the closeted corporate worker is fairly familiar. But the book goes well beyond "merely" describing the lives of discreet bachelors in high places. Actually, the subjects interviewed, although all men, occupy a full range of positions from corporate vice presidents, to an Episcopal priest, to hospital interns. The interviewees weave in and out of a well-organized text. In case the individuals become hard to keep track of, one of many appendices identifies each one by age, occupation and first names only. (Even first names are changed to protect anonymity.)

Anybody with a greater experience of the gay community than my beloved co-columnist, Nan Parks, will find no surprises in these corporate closet case studies. Even so, Woods melds the tales of denial and strategy into an insightful outline—not only of the purposes and means of these double lives, but also the false presumptions of the workplace that many of the strategies are built on.

For example, Woods effectively deconstructs



the myth of the "asexual workplace." As closeted gays struggle to uphold the ethic that the workplace is no place to discuss personal matters, heterosexuals (and, as we see here, not just heterosexuals!) will freely discuss their spouses, children, dates with members of the opposite sex, and also try to fix up the single men with eligible lady friends. In many other ways the "asexual" workplace is very sexually charged. The unquestioned assumptions of heterosexuality are of course invisible to the unquestioning.

In contrast to this insight lies my one quibble about the book. In a rare comparison of homophobia to racism, Woods states that "no one accuses Black or Asian professionals of 'flaunting' their racial background when they make no attempt to disguise it." Woods remains unquestioning of the degree to which non-whites must "act white" to get ahead. But, aside from this misstatement and the occasional acknowledgement of two Blacks and one Latino in the study, race is reasonably beyond the scope of this work.

Also shown here are whys and ways in which some gay men will protect their secret by sabotaging the careers of others. An essential key that keeps the closet locked is the presumption of heterosexuality. The mere presence of an out coworker—even one who intends to guard the other's secret—strips away the presumptions and throws a lavender light into corners kept dark.

While Woods shows how individuals suffer from their own duplicity, he also demonstrates how homophobia hurts the companies involved. The alienation and tremendous amounts of energy that maintain the closet keep an employee from giving his fullest to the company. Also, as a growing number of companies offer nondiscrimination policies and partners' benefits, those that don't will have to recruit from a smaller pool of available talent.

The Corporate Closet is clearly by and about men. Its copious notes, though, can lead to much information about lesbians at work, and the information offered herein is frequently applicable to discreet career women. Admitting he is not equipped to discuss it, Woods acknowledges the double burden borne by gay women.

The text is extremely legible and provides case after case illustrating what People Like Us take for granted as common experience. The value of this text is not that it validates. Instead Woods, by telling and analyzing these stories, turns our common knowledge into concrete facts, thereby offering some a way out of the closet. Of the men interviewed, half had come out to at least one coworker, and reactions ranged from support to indifference to setbacks and firing. Yet they are amazingly unanimous on one point: "Not one of these men... regrets his decision to come out."

Even more, it spells out truths that you and I, Queer Reader, would take for granted, but that some of our colleagues at the bottom of the Kinsey Scale may need illuminated more clearly. The greatest potential would be fulfilled if corporate heads and personnel managers were to read and heed its conclusion: Diversity and openness will serve not just a few individuals, but the entire company and, ultimately, the entire corporate culture.

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Thursday Nov. 4 **6 pm, Andrea Weiss** *Vampires & Violets: Lesbians in Film* • **7:30 pm, Charles Busch** *Whores of Lost Atlantis*

Friday Nov. 5 **7:30 pm, Rebecca Beguin & Joan Drury & Randye Lordon** New lesbian mysteries: a reading

Saturday Nov. 6 **12 noon, Publisher Sasha Alyson** The Johnny Valentine books & other Alyson Wonderland titles • **5 pm, Author Frank Browning & Editor David Groff** Discussing *The Culture of Desire* • **7 pm, Gavin Geoffrey Dillard** Reading from *Yellow Snow* & discussing the banning of his memoir *In the Flesh* • **9 pm, John Preston** *Flesh & the Word II* and *My Life as a Pornographer*

Sunday Nov. 7 **12 noon, Randy Connor** *Blossom of Bone*

OUTSPOKEN:
A Gay & Lesbian Literary Series

Sunday Nov. 7 **4:30 pm: John Gilgun, Jyl Lynn Felman, Tony Glover, Jenifer Levin, Gregory McVey Russell, Jess Wells**

Sunday Nov. 7 **7 pm: dell richards, Alan Miller, Judy Grahn, Marvin White, Nisa Donnelly, Fenton Johnson**

Monday Nov. 8 **7:30 pm, Perry Brass** Author of *Circles & Mirage & Smoke*

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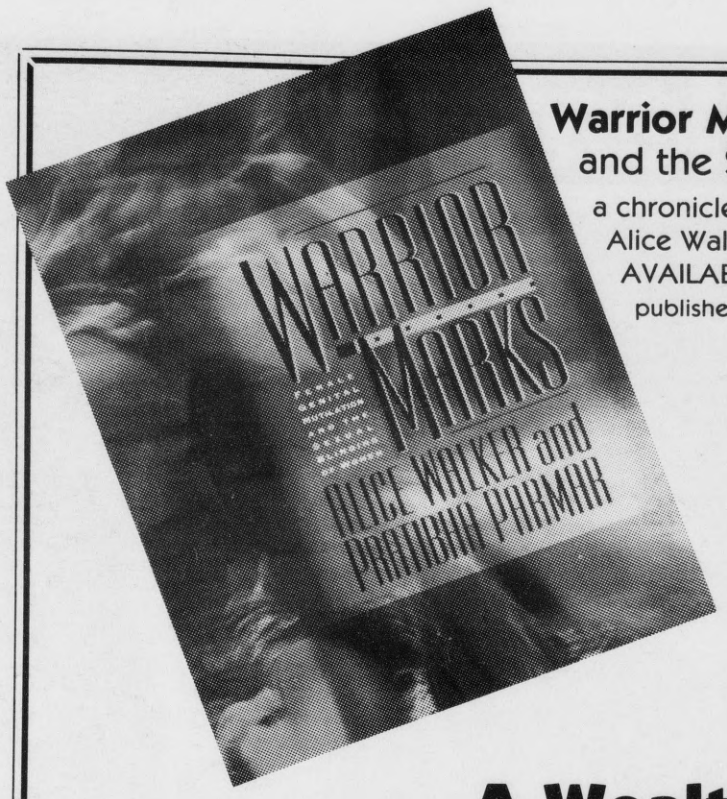

Warrior Marks: Female Genital Mutilation and the Sexual Blinding of Women.

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Alice Walker & Pratibha Parmar
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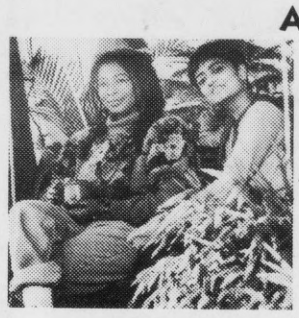

Alice Walker appearing with **Pratibha Parmar**
at a benefit screening of
Warrior Marks
discussion and booksigning to follow
Thursday, Nov. 18, Castro Theatre
To benefit the Women's Foundation and
Bay Area Black Women's Health Project
Tix $10 ($15 Day of Show); Reception & Film $75
Info: 415.431.1290
tickets available at Old Wives' Tales

A Wealth of Women's Voices

Judy Grahn
Tues., Nov. 16, 8 pm
Blood, Bread and Roses:
How Menstruation Created the World
published by Beacon Press, $22.

Tina McElroy Ansa
Wed., Nov. 17, 8 pm
Ugly Ways
published by Harcourt Brace & Co.
$19.95

Jewell Parker Rhodes
Thurs., Nov. 18, 8 pm
Voodoo Dreams:
A Novel of Marie Laveau
published by St. Martin's Press, $22.95

This Month at Old Wives' Tales

Sunday, Nov. 7, 7 PM (note time)
Art and the Politics of Midwifery. "The primordial art of midwifery—woman attending woman—is being reborn as women listen to women speak the truth more boldly." Join practicing midwife **Susan Claypool** in a discussion of midwife training, the legal situation of midwives in California and the special affinity of lesbians to midwifery. Great birth stories too.

Tuesday, Nov. 9, 8 PM
Joan Drury, *The Other Side of Silence.* This first novel by the new publisher of Spinsters, Ink. introduces sleuth Tyler Jones, a newspaper columnist, SF resident, and feminist lesbian activist. When a murder victim turns out to be a man who once threatened Tyler's life, she becomes a prime suspect. To solve the mystery, she must delve deep into a world of abuse, secrets and lies.

Thursday, Nov. 11, 7:30 PM (note time)
Max Dashu, of the Suppressed Histories Archives, presents slides on **The Women's Mysteries.** Sacraments of Life and Death as celebrated by women: an international array of images celebrating female sexual power, conception, birth and the matrix of life support. Initiations into womanhood, rites of the Grain Mothers, and communion with the Ancestors.

Sunday, Nov. 14, 6-8 PM (note special time)
Writing for Kids in Lesbian and Gay Families. Join authors **Sarita Johnson-Calvo *(A Beach Party With Alexis),*** **Christina Salat *(Living in Secret)*** and others for a reading and discussion of current children's and teen books that offer positive depictions of life in lesbian and gay families. Kids especially welcome!

Tuesday, Nov. 16, 8 PM
Judy Grahn, *Blood, Bread and Roses: How Menstruation Created the World.* Long ago, menstruation was a recognized mark of female power, a source of ritual and of awe. According to Grahn, the influence of early menstrual rites remains visible in our culture today, not just in material culture, but in the development of agriculture, mathematics, geometry, writing, calendars, horticulture, architecture, astronomy, cooking, money and many other realms of knowledge. She argues that culture has been weaving between the genders, a sharing of wisdom derived from menstruation. Come follow Grahn as she constructs a new myth of origin for us all, demonstrating that menstruation is what made us human.

Wednesday, Nov. 17, 8 PM
Tina McElroy Ansa, *Ugly Ways.* Following the critical success of her first novel, ***Baby of the Family*** (named one of the year's "Notable Books" by the *New York Times* in 1989), Ansa gives us the Lovejoy women, three driven, overachieving, sexy African-American sisters who have returned home to bury Mudear, their mother. At Mudear's funeral, each realizes that while Mudear's body may be buried, the demons she dumped on each are alive and well. Ansa says, "No matter the reader's color or gender or class, I want the reader to come away from *Ugly Ways* with the knowledge that 'The Girls' are all of us."

Thursday, Nov. 18, 8 PM
Jewelle Parker Rhodes, *Voodoo Dreams: A Novel of Marie Laveau.* Legendary voodoo queen Marie Laveau was rumored to have walked on water, sucked blood from a snake's jowls, and raised the dead. Even today, more than a hundred years after her death, her spirit is courted by believers. In *Voodoo Dreams,* a mesmerizing combination of history and storytelling, Rhodes reconstructs Marie Laveau's incredible rise to power in 19th century New Orleans. "In many ways Marie's journey is an allegory for my own life," Rhodes writes. "My art, my writing became my avenue for exploring what it means to be Black, what it means to be a woman, a mother.... And behind me, I can feel the spirit of Marie Laveau, of my grandmother, and of many others, in a rainbow of spirits, Black and white, across time and space telling me, telling us all that we are all a part of the myths of our own lives."

Sunday, Nov. 21, 7 PM (note time)
Mabel Maney, *The Case of the Not-So-Nice Nurse.* Remember Nancy Drew and Cherry Ames—those heroines of your girlhood? Ever wonder what was really going on in their minds as they chased down bad guys and saved the day? Author Mabel Maney reveals all in a reading from her first Nancy Clue mystery, co-starring Nurse Cherry Aimless. You always knew that Housekeeper Hannah taught Nancy more than just how to darn Daddy's socks....

Tuesday, Nov. 30, 8 PM
Julia Penelope, *Lesbian Culture, An Anthology: The Lives, Works, Ideas, Art and Visions of Lesbians Past and Present.* More than just a collection of articles, this book is a mirror of who we are. Co-editors Julia Penelope and Susan Wolfe have brought together the articles, stories, poems and pictures that help define "lesbian culture." Julia is the co-author of other popular books including ***Finding the Lesbians*** and ***For Lesbians Only.***

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Just Lucky I Guess: From Closet Lesbian to Radical Dyke

by Elaine Mikels
Desert Crone Press, 1993; $12.95

Reviewed by Adrienne Lauby

The context of Elaine Mikels' autobiography is the evolution of lesbian consciousness in the last half of the 20th century. It's a story which has only recently begun to be told and that fact affects both the writing and the importance of this book.

In her introduction, Mikels tells how this book has been 50 years in the making, and one of its themes is her struggle to write about herself in a time when the wider story was hidden in silence and shame.

To say, as Mikels does, "I was the only girl in grammar school who played with boys," highlights an aspect of her childhood that shaped later events. Those of us who have matured since the '70s, talking and reading about ourselves as lesbians, know such facts are important. It's part of our common mythology. In the '50s, Mikels did not know the importance of these things.

That the book was finally completed is due, in large part, to the writings of contemporary lesbian sociologists and political thinkers as well as Mikels' own work and conversations with her peers. It's a result of the complex interplay of collective and individual in building community. We have so little writing by lesbians of Mikels' generation and one of the reasons this book is so important is its value as a touchstone for others.

Born into a middle-class assimilated Jewish family in Los Angeles, Mikels records a life of travel, political activism and lesbianism. As a young adult she took bicycle trips and volunteered to provide recreation for children of migrant workers. In those days her love interests, pursued with straight women, ended in confusion—one in a suicide attempt, another with her in a psychiatric hospital.

During those years when, as she says, "I hadn't learned to think for myself" and "there was no one I could talk to," Mikels lived with turmoil and self-hate, yet, she continued to make her life productive. Her tale of a steady progression of positive events subverts the stereotype of pathetic lesbians who turn their shame into alcoholism and self-destruction. Mikels has a difficult mother, she falls in love with women who leave her for men, she tries to become heterosexual, and lives the double life of a closet lesbian. But she does not end up on the rocks, physically or mentally; she doesn't smash up against crack cocaine or the ice cubes in a drink. She continues to travel, often by herself, gradually coming to know other lesbians and lesbian hang-outs, does worthwile work and finds love with an amazingly varied group of delightful women.

Her commitment to social change is steady and inspiring. In her twenties she worked with several groups of poor children and earned a degree in social work. After WWII she traveled to Germany to "help people who had suffered extreme privation." Expelled from Germany when her lesbian psychiatric record followed her, "humiliated and alone," she went to Greenwich Village.

> With nostalgia, I watched children playing on the grass... [a small boy] reminded me of Zurka, a Polish boy at the Children's Village, who had lost his power to speak... [He had just begun] to say "Hi" to me when I came up to take his hand. No other adult had been able to get him to play, but I had! Now I sighed, thinking of him, and felt the tears coming. "No!" I thought. "I can't keep thinking of the past." It was tearing me apart.

Struggling with this tragic consequence of her sexual preference, without the help of political analysis, Mikels began to explore the New York bar scene. Although repelled by what she saw as casual sex, violence and masculine attire, the bars appealed to her sense of adventure and provided valuable experience in finding gay women. Her gay consciousness, like her Jewish identity, continued to grow fitfully, in intellectual analysis and spontaneous acts.

For instance, one afternoon in the '50s she watched police sweep a Miami beach for gay men. "I had never seen people so frightened," she says. "They clung to each other, crying while others stared blankly in disbelief." Linking this to Jewish oppression in Germany, she could not sit quietly. She began to question the police and, very quickly, found herself with the men in a paddy wagon. At the station the police captain treated her as a naive bystander. As she continues the story:

> "Lady, it wasn't because they were on the beach. Don't you know what they are?" he asked.
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> "What do you mean?" I responded, knowing full well.
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> "They're queer and we're trying to get rid of them."
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> I took a deep gulp and said, "Well, if you are arresting homosexuals, then I guess you'll have to arrest me because I'm one, too."

This was the first of many times Mikels would go to jail in defense of justice. At first practicing a kind of religious charity, she came to question her middle-class motives and techniques, and steadily grew more confrontational. She walked across the country in protest of the Vietnam War and returned to Washington, D.C., in 1981 as part of the Women's Pentagon Action, experiencing firsthand the differences in male and female leadership. She integrates a developing political analysis of lesbian and old-age issues with earlier experience and insights. Today Mikels is an active member of the steering committee of OLOC (Old Lesbians Organizing for Change), and brings an impressive knowledge of international, economic and peace issues to her work. All of this, of course, contradicts the stereotype of old people as generally conservative and unable to change.

Hers is a life constantly in motion, both geographically and philosophically. In 70-plus years, she has administered a non-profit halfway house and run an organic farm; built her own house and snorkeled in the Red Sea; visited Cuba, Greece and Turkey. In the '50s she dined regularly at San Francisco's Paper Doll; in the '70s she built matriarchal campfires with Oregon's country dykes; and in the '90s she retreated to the bleakness of Maine to "unclutter [her] mind from gloom and doom."

Long before the hippie rebellion, Mikels lived a simple life, turning down career opportunities and traveling much of the Western world on a shoestring. Before sisterhood was a slogan, she treated other women—heterosexual or lesbian—in supportive and ethical ways. Continually reexamining her beliefs, her needs and internal makeup, her life combines common sense and caring with adventure and growth.

The book is written in a straightforward style which is easy to read. It's well-designed and printed in a typeface that is clear and not—as in many self-published books—crammed tightly on the page. It's a book that, without demanding much time or focused concentration, yields many pleasant, thoughtful moments.

Events are told briefly in a blend of narrative and dialogue which often left me wanting more. I longed for the voices of the other women—the women in Oregon who were told not to borrow the phone, those who walked with her across the country for peace, the lovers and ex-lovers. At times, I longed for more, too, from Mikels. She devotes only three or four pages to her 40-year friendship with Eva, a woman who escaped the Holocaust at age 14 and badgered her to wear well-made clothes. And I wanted to hear more about her family. The paragraphs that talk about her mother, sister and niece hint at a longer story.

I want to know more about the women in her life now, old friends and lovers, the lesbians she met through organizing and travel. Who are they, how have they spent their lives, what do they do and how do they treat each other?

For that, I will have to wait for Mikels to fulfill her promise of a future book and for the books which will be written by those who find their voice as they read this one. The variety, the well-being and less-than-well-being, the complexity of these years of lesbian life is yet to be published. This book implies a wealth of material; whether in drawers, diaries or minds, we need it. ✿

the leather chronicles

Top: Alameda Co. Leather titleholders at "Night of Leather Lust," and (bottom) winners of "Leather & Feathers" with emcee Mr. Marcus.

by st. clair adams

Customer Loyalty Must Be Earned

What does a bar or club have to do to keep their customers happy and retain their loyalty? I know a lot of people who are frustrated with their choices of places to go. Many feel they are paying too much for cover charges or drinks. Most of these people say they wouldn't mind if they got something for their money. All they expect is a little bit of the money they spend to go to improving the bar—maybe buying a new sound system, hiring some entertainment, adding new decorations or lighting, keeping it clean, and even on occasion giving a party for the customers.

In my experience, many bars and clubs that fail are owned or managed by greedy and self-centered individuals. Many have problems dealing with patrons and piss them off enough not to come back.

It's important to remember that the customers are the ones with money, and if a business wants that money, they must work for it. Some of these places survive only because they are the only game in town or the only bar that caters to a specific lifestyle.

When I hear complaints, I ask my friends why they still go somewhere if they are so unhappy. The question "Where else is there to go?" always comes back. I ask them, if there was another place that opened would they go there instead? Most often, they say yes. But unfortunately, new bars or clubs don't just pop up overnight. In the meantime, I suggest they try new places or even revisit others and give them a second try. We all should be happy where we spend our money.

I understand that businesses often do not have the money to make all the changes they need to, but they must consider them investments. Busi-

nesses that are only concerned with short-term profit will eventually have to pay the consequences.

The only advice I give my friends is if they're unhappy with someplace, don't go. But if their heart is in staying somewhere, then they should speak their minds and try to make a change. The worst that can happen is that you'll be told no.

LEATHER & FEATHERS

Feathers, feathers everywhere!!! Last Friday the Eagle hosted its annual Leather and Feather contest, and the place was packed. The Phoenix Uniform Club had the most elaborate and stunning group costume I have ever seen. The entire club dressed up in peacock feathers and glitter to represent a mythological Phoenix bird. Mr. Marcus did a great job emceeing. Quick-witted, he did not pass up an opportunity to give a couple of very intoxicated contestants a deserved tongue-lashing.

I hope you all had a very happy Halloween.

NIGHT OF LEATHER LUST

Randy Write (Mr. Alameda Co. Leather '93) and Beth Elliott (Ms. Alameda Co. Leather '93) were well supported at their Night of Leather Lust. The place was so packed there was no air left to breathe. They had many live singers with many different styles of fantasies and lipsynchers. Slam (Int'l Ms. Cheeks & Chaps '94) did a hot strip number and was dominated by Heidi Bayer (Ms. South Bay Leather '93). With a bondage buck you could have anyone you wanted chained in the bondage pit. They also auctioned off sexy pictures of Randy Write. The money from the night's activity and donation of tips from the performers went to the Godfather Foundation East Bay.

LETTER FROM IML '93

I just received a letter from Henri Ten Have (IML '93) and he would like to convey his hellos to the Bay Area leather community. One of Henri's biggest projects is creating a worldwide organization of leatherfolks. He feels this could be accomplished by networking existing leather groups and organization. The main goals of this group would be to support a worldwide fight against discrimination; raise money for research, health care and individual help in the fight against AIDS; promote a safe sex attitude; and to preserve and save the leather culture, such as Chuck Renslow's efforts to build up the leather archives.

His short-term schedule includes: The Mr. Leather New York contest Nov. 13, where he will be a judge; the 10th anniversary Leather Weekend in Washington, where he will be the head judge for the Mr. Mid-Atlantic Leather contest Jan. 14-16. Henri's also been selected as a judge at the Deaf Leathermen's contest New Year's Eve in London. He sends best wishes to all of you and hopes to see you soon.

MY FAVORITES

The Jackhammer may not have a lot of events or parties, but that's the way they like to keep it. If you like to sit around and talk with your friend without the constant interruptions of contests, auctions or raffles, this is the place to be. The people seem to be a little more in the intimate mode, if you know what I mean. If you are into red hankies, this is the place to be on Tuesday nights. Another place to be is the Headquarters. Its masculine military theme creates an atmosphere of manly desires. Plus they have San Francisco's favorite bartender, David Stolle. If you are into underwear parties, every Tuesday is skivvies night. These two bars have worked very hard to bring the community a quality atmosphere. If you haven't checked them out yet, I recommend them highly.

COMING UP!!!

San Jose Leather Fest, Nov. 5-7. This year's event is sponsored by Leather Masters, with tickets available at Leather Masters, Greg's Ball Room, and FX, The Club. On Friday, there will be a Meat & Greet party and soda/beer bust at Renegades starting at 8 pm benefiting the Reality Check! Theater. Saturday, Graylin Thornton (Mr. Int'l Drummer) and the ARIS Project sponsor "Safe Sex 101" at the Water Garden starting at 1 pm. Starting at 8 pm at Greg's Ball Room there will be a fetish auction & pre-judging for the Mr. & Ms. San Jose Leather. Sunday starts off with a leather brunch at Wuzzy's, with a $10 donation at 1 pm benefiting the Bill Wilson House. The finale of the weekend happens at FX, The Club, starting at 5 pm—the Mr. & Ms. San Jose Leather Contest & party. The $10 donation will benefit the Aris Project.

Sylvester Lives: Friday, Nov. 5, Phillip Turner (SF Leather Daddy) and his boy Greg Pennington present "Sylvester Lives" at the Eagle Starting at 8 pm. A $6 beer/soda bust and a 50/50 raffle will benefit the Gay and Lesbian Historical Society. The remarkable and talented Deena Jones stars the evening as the famous Sylvester. Queen Cougar (Ms. SF Leather '93) has worked her heart out choreographing the entertainment. The music was contributed by the keeper of the gate of special artists and memories, John Hedges of Megatone Records. Another interesting and new concept, Phillip. Keep up the good work.

Birthday Bash: David Magennis (SF Leather Daddy's Boy '93) and Greg Pennington are holding a Birthday bash for SF Leather Daddy Phillip Turner on Friday, Nov. 12, at the Eagle from 8-11 pm. The proceeds from an all-you-can-drink beer bust for $6 and a 50/50 raffle will go to the AIDS Emergency Fund. There will be games, prizes, Dickey Davis and much more. How old are you, Phillip, or is that classified information?

Mr. Safe Sex Contest: Saturday, Nov. 13, the Mr. Safe Sex '93 contest will be held at the Eagle starting at 7:30 pm. Tom Ammiano will emcee, as David Lyle Carver sings to the crowd. Some of the judges that have been selected are Supervisor Susan Leal, the Health Dept.'s Paul O'Malley, *B.A.R.* columnist Mr. Marcus, and Andy Anderson (Mr. Safe Sex '93). The AIDS Benefits Counselors, Stop AIDS, and the AIDS Health Project will receive the proceeds from a raffle, $7 beer/soda bust, and an auction of tickets to a night out to see the Phantom of The Opera.

Ms. Sacramento Leather: Saturday, Nov. 20, the Sacramento Leather Association presents the 1994 Ms. Sacramento Valley Leather contest at the Garbeau's II Dinner Theatre in Old Sacramento. The doors open at 8 pm for table and auditorium-style seating. The theme of "Hell on Earth" sounds like a hot one. No pun intended. Entertainment will include lesbian comedian Sequita, and country/western singer Tammy with the traditional blistering fantasies the SLA are known for. Garbeau's is also hosting a victory brunch the following morning if you have recovered from the night's party.

IMsL Meetings: If you are interested in giving your input into the next International Ms. Leather contest, you can attend the open Board of Directors meeting each second Monday. The meetings start at 7:30 and are held at the MCC, 150 Eureka Street in room 108. The contest has been scheduled for March 17-20 with at least 16 women participating from the US and Canada. For more info call (800) 639-IMSL or (415) 487-6226.

The Galleon: Every Wednesday night is leather night at the Galleon restaurant with a 2-for-1 special. It is always nice to see restaurants support the leather lifestyle and this is one more example of that. They are encouraging both men and women to come in and try this new promotion. You also will receive a free drink ticket for the Jackhammer with each dinner. How can you go wrong! ✿

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Lesbian Massage Therapists. Exchange 1½ hour non-sexual massage for a one night's stay at a cozy lesbian guest house on the SF beach. Ongoing trades possible. Call 664-0748.

The Gay Book needs lesbian and gay male couples for upcoming article on couples in love. Must have been together at least one year. All couples must agree to be interviewed and photographed. All ages, all races wanted. Contact Jeanine at 861-7216 or Gay Book at 928-1859. Submissions on related subects wanted too. Deadline is December 14, 1993.

SF Int'l Lesbian & Gay Film Festival requires Program Assistant for year-round admin support, inc. marketing, technical and volunteer recruitment. Must have admin & IBM exp. (esp. PageMaker), ability to work under pressure. Bilingual & previous festival exp. desirable. Salary 24K. Women, people of color, strongly encouraged to apply. Send resume, short letter to: Frameline, 346 9th St, SF CA 94103. Deadline: Nov 19, 1993.

Help Wanted: Gay erotic publishing company needs temporary secretarial and administrative support help. $6 per hour, 40 hours per week for 6-8 weeks, maybe longer. Call Mark or Derek at (415) 252-1195.

Billing Clerk Wanted: Full-time employment with small, woman-owned, workers' compensation defense law firm. Informal but industrious atmoshpere in Noe Valley. Prepare billing statements, answer telephones; light typing & photocopying, some word processing and Lotus 1-2-3. Casual dress, friendly environment. Reply to: Ms Astrid Greer, 4017 24th St, Ste 14, SF CA 94114.

Temporary office manager/phone answerer for small office in Montclair (Oakland). Part-time December, full-time January-April. Must be nonsmoker, live in East Bay, have car, learn quickly. (510) 482-1015.

Executive Director of GLAAD/SFBA: Sole staff of all-volunteer organization. Duties are ⅓ administrative, ⅓ fundraising and ⅓ public policy. Must have minimum 5 years' comparable experience. Salary 35K plus benefits. Resume and cover letter by Dec 15 to GLAAD/SFBA, 514 Castro St #B, SF CA 94114. To request full job description call (510) 273-9146 and leave your name & address.

Administrative Assistants: Two ½ time positions with excellent benefits assisting project directors in a G/L/B/T community service center. EOE. Agency is committed to staff diversity. Deadline 12/3/93. Call Pacific Center, M-F, 10 am-10 pm. (510) 548-8283.

Administrative Coordinator: ¾ time position with excellent benefits, to provide administrative support to ED in a G/L/B/T community service center. Must have general office and volunteer coordination skills. EOE. Agency is committed to staff diversity. Deadline 12/3/93. Call Pacific Center M-F, 10 am-10 pm. (510) 548-8283.

Senior Outreach: Part-time to older lesbians/gays/bisexuals. Facilitate support groups, organize activities, sensitive senior providers. Must relate well with these seniors. Maximum $9,360 annually (2 days per week, some evenings & weekends). Resume, three references by November 15. Spectrum, 1000 Sir Francis Drake, San Anselmo 94960. No calls.

Administrative Assistant: Full-time support position. We need a quick learner to handle routine office work, telephones, maintain the subscription list and other databases, move information, and work on special projects. You must enjoy the work, be organized, computer-comfortable, a good-humored team worker and interested in feminist and lesbian books. $7-8/hr. SASE for job description. No calls. Cover letter, resume & references to Feminist Bookstore News, Box 882554, SF 94188.

■ HELP WANTED/ARTS

Actors Needed: Award-winning lesbian videomaker seeks women ages 20-35 for girl meets girl romantic comedy. All sizes, ethnicities OK. No pay. Lodging & meals provided. Weekends Nov 20-Dec 18. GIP, 744 Oregon St, Watsonville, CA 95076. (408) 724-3326.

Inclusive, progressive, caring community of faith searching for musical leadership. Organist/Choir Director position features committed singers and appreciative congregation. For details call Gary at (510) 525-3500.

■ VOLUNTEERS

Gay and Lesbian Almanac Project seeks interns/volunteers to help research almanac scheduled for publication in Spring 1995. Possible tasks include: canvassing periodicals and other printed materials, cataloguing, resource/contact follow-up, special issue research/writing. Strong research and writing skills are a plus, an interest in lesbian and gay issues/history a must. PO Box 460909, SF 94146; (415) 647-1804.

Be a part of the first lesbian, gay, bisexual transgender and questioning Youth Talkline in the Bay Area. Young people 23 and under are needed to staff the lines and volunteers of all ages are needed to provide support. People of color, bilingual people, transgender people and people with HIV and AIDS are especially encouraged to get involved. Call LYRIC, the Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center at (415) 703-6150 ext 4 for more information.

Volunteers Needed: Support for **Women with Cancer** at Highland Hospital. Multiligual, women of color especially needed. Info: 548-WCRC.

Growing nonprofit national les/bi/gay youth newsmagazine desperately seeking volunteers to help with fundraising, nat'l PR, mailings, administrative. If you've some extra time on your hands we sure could use your help! Leave a message at 985-5243.

■ ANNOUNCEMENT

Shari Levine and Susan Turner joyfully announce the birth of our son, Henry Max, born at Kaiser Walnut Creek on 10/4/93 at 2:19 pm. Weight: 5 lbs, 15 oz. Height: 18 ¾ in. Heartfelt thanks to Kristin, Annie, and the wonderful midwives and nurses who helped him into life.

■ RESEARCH

"Coming Out" Research Study. Confused about your sexual orientation and think you sometimes feel and act as a lesbian? Here is a way to participate in a study looking for women over 18 who feel this way, as well as explore body image and personality. Confidentiality respected. If interested, call (510) 530-6318.

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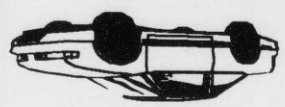

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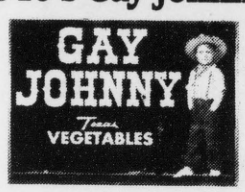

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the personals

WOMEN

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These are two of my favorites, so I splurged and bought two tickets for the Nov. 14 dinner & show at the Circle Star. Now I'm looking for the "right" woman to join me as my date! I'm 40, Jewish, a professional, single for almost a year since the ending of a long-term relationship, way into country music but not much of a two-stepper, and not afraid of intimacy. This is my first venture into the personals, so please tell me something about yourself that will help me know that you're the one who should be my date for Hal & Suzy! Call ★★1707.

Selectively Seeking

New lesbian friends and one LTR. You enjoy at least one of these: traveling near & far, camping, x-country skiing, martial arts, music, CW dancing, quiet times at home, new adventures. Must be spiritual (not religious), dog friendly, nonsmoking, bright, reasonably fit, emotionally available (capable of giving & receiving), therapeutically evolved (graduation not necessary). I'm 38, 5'6", professional, all those "must be's" and more. Romantics with a sense of humor in East Bay or San Rafael area especially encouraged to reply. PO Box 778, Berkeley 94701 Call ★★1708.

Frantic Romantic

Prof. GWF seeks same, late-30s-40s, femme, attractive, smart & mature, financially secure, health-conscious & fit, honest & caring; believes in open communication & compromise; enjoys beach vacations, traveling, music, dining in & out, a comfy home life, flowers & surprises. Sense of adventure & spontaneity a definite plus. I love life & having fun & I'm ready for love. Let's be friends & see what happens. Reply 2261 Market, #108, SF 94114 or call ★★1709.

I'm Ready

For a woman to share life, passion and dreams with. Someone who is not afraid to explore her edges or to push mine. I'm 42, soft butch, romantic, adventurous, working class and fiercely loyal. You can be anything from butch-femme, over 30 or not. What counts is the spark. If it's there, anything can happen. If it's not, I'm a good friend and I'm always looking for good people in my life. Call ★★1710.

A Lover And A Best Friend

Is what I want in a partner. I'm Jewish, 40s, warm, sensitive, sensual, sometimes intense, stable, emotional, creative and spiritual. I love to talk, laugh, dance, touch and want a heart and soul connection: a long-term monogamous relationship that we can grow with, relax into, develop over time and continue to explore the many layers of each other. All races, over 36, nonsmokers only. Call ★★1711.

It's A Drag Being Single

It's strange to be writing an ad to find a girlfriend when there are so many cute dykes all over town! Whast do you do when you're 42, single and intimidated to come right out and ask someone out? The personals of course. I'm into spirituality, personal growth, recovery and NS big-boned soft butch gals who want to start slow but heat up as we find each other's soft places. Call ★★1712.

L.S.

Well, we never got the $50 from Wolborg-Michelson, but at least I got 70 free words to tell you how glad I am you called me. I love your smile, your laugh, your endless chatter, your beautiful hair, your vehement opinions, your politically incorrect views, the way you can talk in different languages and—naturally—your fabulous cooking. And you're good company. Totally. xxx, L.O. Call ★★1713.

Free Lube Job

Healthy young (18-32) oral femme slut wanted for safe sex play by two clean insatiable lesbians, open to light S/M/bondage. No alcohol or drugs please. Don't be shy, let's talk! Call ★★1714.

Athletic And Attractive...

... friendly and curious. I'm interested in books, brunch, biking, movies, mysteries, medicine, food, fashion, foreign travel, dancing and (of course) sex. How about you? Do you walk, or run? (Even a little?) Do you like to laugh a lot? Do you want to meet someone like me? Stow Lake Boathouse, GG Park, 9 am Saturday morning. Any Saturday. Dress for exercise. I'll be looking for you. Call ★★1715.

A Different Approach

Just seeking friends for now for weekend outings (especially Saturday nights). Let's eat in exotic restaurants (sushi!), go to Osento, movies, music shows, women's events, or whatever... take walks and explore beaches, parks and countryside. I am 34, long-haired and like the Grateful Dead. I don't like smoking, drugs or alcohol. You have time and energy for new friends. Reply BT Box NV1A or call ★★1716.

Dogma No, Dogs Yes

Exterior: 40+, 5'7", 132, romantic, attractive, quasi-butch, seeking chemistry and sparks with cute, non-butch. Interior: we are stable, respectful, intelligent, unique, humorous, sweet and we enjoy our lives. Likes: arts, eats, dancing, world music, travel, gardens and working on my body and spirit. Dislikes: bigotry, smoking, clones, piercing (ears OK), and please no PC dogma (dogs OK). Letters appreciated. Reply BT Box NV2A or call ★★1717.

Easygoing

I'm 48, attractive, responsible, affectionate, wise, casual, love music, good dancing, movies. I would like to meet women (in SF) who are good-hearted, affectionate, attractive, between the ages of 35-55. I choose to be with people who don't use alcohol, drugs or cigarettes. Let's talk more. Call ★★1718.

Ready To Fall

39, GWF, Rubenesque soft butch looking for monogamous LTR with feminine, compassionate, nature-loving woman. If you will give me your heart, I will love you with all of mine. I am the sea and you the shore/ We cannot help but touch./ Your land stretches out to me/ My bays reach in as much./ Your capes are jagged and cutting/ Opponents to my pounding insistence./ While your beaches of pearl sand/ Give way without resistance./ How gently do we meet then/ Safe port for a weary sea./ When I cannot see the end of you/ Nor you the beginning of me. Call ★★1719.

The Thinking Woman's Woman

What a title. You write a title and then you think, is that really true? Should I reference an obscure quote now? A French phrase perhaps? I do have a certain je ne sais quoi. I'm well-read, intellectually curious. I just received my Masters and plan to go on to get my PhD. I'm extremely social, 32, Jewish, feminine, creative and industrious. I would love to meet women that challenge me intellectually, and make me laugh. It would be great to hear about you. Call ★★1720.

Do It Again

Sorry! I placed an ad called "Hungry Mind and Body," and then this hungry mind and body left town for an unexpected four weeks. To all those callers whose messages were tragically deleted, I apologize and beg you to try once more. Call ★★1721.

Honeycomb Is Big, Yeah Yeah Yeah

So are acronyms, empresses, China, NYC, malty balls, rm. #2, and the love I have for you. Two months ago I was a wolf without a foot, now I'm B.A. and convinced of the kismet of life. Here's to many more QNSO adventures and to pushing over those famous gals. I love you completely, your FFF. Call ★★1722.

This Ad Is For You

Lover or a friend. Adventurous in spirit, enjoy indoors and outdoors, camping, flea markets; very compassionate, androgynous or femme looks, non-butch. Monogamy, affectionate, no afraid of being close to someone; late-20s and 30s, no games, nights at home by candlelight or fireplace, fine champagne or a cold beer; playful yet intense; no S/M. Giving is a must, so is receiving, flexible. Hate moodiness. Where are you? I'm here, a shy Asian in her 30s, stable. Caring for someone is my number 1. Co-parenting necessary. Asian or Latina. Call ★★1723.

Looking For A Positive Change?

Discouraged? Don't be. Friends and lovers are more valuable than "things." Me? I'm a lover of life, roll in the grass, blue jean evening dress kinda gal. I like champagne outa crystal, dark beer from a mug and have a weakness for lovely women who talk too much. You? Courteous to others. Imaginative, optimistic and brave. Good, call me and we'll take it from there. Call ★★1724.

Father Knows Best

Blond & blue, well-read, well-bred German top seeks serious leather/uniform daddy to knock me down a few notches and be my mentor for advice and discipline. I am in possession of a sharp tongue, dry wit and a strong young body. I am gainfully employed and spiritually sound. Would appreciate introduction into leather community plus private scenes and sessions. What can this hot 26-year-old son do for you? Reply BT Box NV3A or call ★★1725.

East Bay Fling

Sexy, soulful, silly, femme-of-center, 28, seeks similarly aged, equally uninhibited, big-yet-active soft butch for friendly encounters, spontaneous adventures and thorough explorations. Me: sex-positive, impulsive, energetic, health-oriented, communicative, creative. You: looking for that maddeningly elusive lover who's willing to put as much energy into a mutually satisfying experience as you are. Reply BT Box NV4A or call ★★1726.

Spiritually Pretentious But Otherwise Okay

I'm looking for a few more heart-sisters in my life. I know you're out there. The question is—how do we go about meeting each other? If you're like me you're drawn to warmth, compassion, integrity, affection, acceptance. Reasonable amounts of wisdom and common sense, plus the ability to laugh (at ourselves, when called for) count for a lot. Shared interests are fun but it's the sense of hitting it off together, the shared perspective, and willingness to engage, that make the difference in being close. I'm 41 and live in SF. Life can be good whether I'm in a relationship or being single. Without a few more close companions, though, it's like tofu without the soy sauce. So if you can talk with your friends about absolutely anything (and do, almost every day), if you feel that life's in the details as well as in the big events, please write BT Box NV5A or call ★★1727.

I'm A 47-Year-Old

High school teacher living in San Francisco. I enjoy films, meals out, weekend trips, tennis, skiing, hiking, running, bridge, reading, watching sports and movies on TV. I'm looking for a committed relationship with woman who is within my age range, warm and loving, has a sense of humor, personally together, college educated, stable and successful in her career, and enjoys some of the same things I do. Please no addictions. Moderate drinking OK. Call ★★1728.

Looking For Someone Special

33 y.o. GWF, 5'2", kinda cute, romantic, considerate & responsible for myself. I can communicate, am giving & can be funny. I'm easygoing, willing to compromise and seeking same for friendship & possible LTR. I enjoy nature, sports & friends. I'm looking for someone to share stormy nights with, so hurry and respond because winter's almost here. I hope you like animals too. I live and work on the Peninsula. Reply BT Box NV6A or call ★★1729.

Kiss Your Animals?

Me too. My pets bring me great joy and mirror the strong, healthy, loving part of me. Classical musician seeks friends and possibly that special companion who knows what she wants from life, including a life partner. I'm intelligent, enthusiastic and funny, with many varied interests. Not looking for a clone as difference keeps me growing and alive. Kindness, generosity of spirit and wit are traits I must share. Biggest confession: 2 years recovered from an eating addiction and in therapy and getting fit. Size or change-phobic? Phone another ad. Call ★★1730.

Adventure Wimmin

I am 40 years young, 6 feet tall, fun, dynamic dyke, living social isolation. What's wrong with this picture? I have cross-country skis, backpack, kayak, wet suit, boogie board, functioning car, free time, job I control and a great mind. I love to travel. I hate the City. I don't live in SF. I have lots to share and am wanting to meet other wild dykes who have to create adventure to survive. Reply BT Box NV7A or call ★★1731.

Aggressive Femme Bottom

Full of my own opinions & my own life, I can be a handful. Still new to S/M, I hunger for someone who can sweet talk me with force. I speak fluent sarcasm & Anne Rice is my drug of choice. Quick wit & universal awareness are critical. (Dark eyes, bookworms & Spanish speakers are turn-ons; tobacco, heavy users & insta-mergers are not.) Call ★★1732.

I Love Women

I would love to be "married" again. Very sweet, 5'10", good-looking, 35 y.o., Capricorn, more femme-looking on the outside, but butch on the inside. But I also like to be soft and cuddly with the right woman. I'll stroke your hair while holding you, give you long, gentle kisses and romance you. I'm smart, mature and have a great sense of humor. I'm not attracted to women who look "butch," havbe short hair or are overweight. I know what I like and want. If you feel good about what I've said, give me a call. I'm very easy to talk to, and one of a kind! Reply BT Box NV8A or call ★★1733.

I'm Working Too Much

And my best friend has a new girlfriend. Needing some dates to help me get out of this rut. 40s, pretty, reasonably intelligent and in great shape. Interests/passions: nature, music, the movies, theater, concerts, interior design, gardening, good fiction, good food, getting away, hanging out, hiking, swimming, cycling, scuba. Goals: broader social life, line up some dates, find a great love (not necessarily in that order). Be warm, funny, honest, passionate, forgiving, unpretentious, adventurous and not afraid to sweat or get your hands dirty. Don't respond if you're looking for the embodiment of political correctness or heavy duty butch. NS. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 31956, Oakland 94612 or call ★★1734.

Mollusk On A Bicycle

Truthfully, I am not missing any vertebrae. However, I recently noticed I prefer the comfort of my shell to meeting other "critters." One mid-30s, 5'10", slender mollusk with a rambunctious, exuberant sense of humor is currently in season for hiking, bicycling, art critiques or hanging out at the tide pool and doing whatever strikes us. What "critter" describes you and why? Call ★★1735.

Adventure Is Our Friend

And this life is just a playground and classroom. Do you believe it's true? I do. I'm 38, spiritually awake, therapied; a very romantic Libra who enjoys films, fine wine (in moderation), sports, sex and affection, children, great friends, animals, intelligent conversation, camping and hiking, and who thinks laughing and making people smile is about the best thing in the world. I enjoy my life, and there is much I'd like to share with someone special. Please be open to exploring, honest, growth-oriented, comfortable with intimacy, NS, and preferably living in the East Bay. (B., with the twinkling eyes: your message was cut off, please call again.) PO Box 3265, Oakland 94609 or call ★★1736.

Laughter, Lust And Love

Sound good to you? Me too! Mid-40s, Jewish, attractive, soft butch, high energy, bright, creative, fun, with many diverse interests seeks femme-identified woman who is bright, funny, self-aware, politically progressive, looking for fun adventurous partner in bed and out. No mergers or

Dykes To Watch Out For

hot stuff
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IT'S SATURDAY EVENING...
OUCH! LOOKS LIKE YOU CLOSED YOUR MOUTH TOO CLOSE TO THE FLAME.
NO KIDDING.
WHAT?
LOIS BURNT HER LIP EATING FIRE WITH THE LESBIAN AVENGERS.
IT WAS SO COOL! YOU SHOULDA BEEN THERE! Y'KNOW DICK LILLY, THE TRADITIONAL VALUES COALITION GUY WHO'S RUNNING FOR CITY COUNCIL?
WE PICKETED HIS PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUND-RAISER DRESSED UP LIKE GIANT FLAMING CREPES SUZETTES!
Y'KNOW, THAT REMINDS ME OF ONE TIME BEFORE I GOT SOBER WHEN A BUDDY LIT MY APRICOT BRANDY ON FIRE AND SINGED ALL MY EYELASHES...
COME ON, JUNE, OR WE'LL MISS OUR MEETING.
MEANWHILE, OVER AT MADWIMMIN BOOKS...
I'M SORRY, WE'RE CLOSING.
OH... I JUST WANTED TO DROP OFF THIS CAMPAIGN POSTER FOR ELLEN TUFEL. COULD YOU PUT IT UP ON YOUR BULLETIN BOARD?
VOTE! ELLEN TUFEL
CITY COUNCIL HATE IS NOT A FAMILY VALUE
GOT A BIG NIGHT PLANNED, MO?
OH, YEAH! I HAVE TO RUSH-LAST LOAD'S GOTTA BE IN BY 7:30 AT DUDS 'N SUDS! WHAT ABOUT YOU AND MAXINE? A QUIET EVENING AT HOME, ACTING OUT SCENES FROM 'CLAIRE OF THE MOON?'
QUEER BINGO
PRE-MENSTRUAL SUPPORT GROUP
OKAY, THAT'S IT. WE HAVE TO TALK. YOU'VE BEEN MAKING LITTLE DIGS AT ME ALL WEEK. IF THIS IS BECAUSE YOU'RE FEELING HURT THAT I DON'T HAVE A CRUSH BACK ON YOU, ALL I CAN SAY IS I'M SORRY, AND I'M FLATTERED, BUT...
BUT YOU JUST DON'T THINK OF ME THAT WAY, AND BESIDES, YOU'RE IN A RELATIONSHIP ALREADY, AND YOU HOPE WE CAN STILL BE FRIENDS.
RITUAL DRUM FOR SALE
MARATHON 12-HOUR INNER CHILD WORKSHOP
WELL... YEAH.
OH, OKAY! SO THAT MUST HAVE BEEN MAXINE YOU WERE SUGGESTIVELY REFERRING TO AS A "BABE" WITH LOIS THE OTHER DAY. I THOUGHT IT WAS ME, BUT THE ACOUSTICS IN HERE AREN'T THE GREATEST.
CLOSED
JEEZIZ! WHAT ARE YOU DOING, SLINKING AROUND SPYING ON PEOPLE?
HAH! I KNEW IT!
OKAY. SO MAYBE I AM A LITTLE BIT ATTRACTED TO YOU. BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER BECAUSE ABSOLUTELY NOTHING'S GOING TO HAPPEN. GOT IT?
WOW! I NEVER SAW YOU BLUSH BEFORE! IT'S SO, UM... CUTE.
HI, SWEETIE! HI, MO! THEA, I'M DOUBLE-PARKED OUT FRONT. LOOKS LIKE YOU HAD A BIG DAY! THE WINDOWS ARE ALL STEAMED UP!

smokers, please. Prefer San Francisco residents. What are you waiting for? Call ★★1737.

Sexy?

There is something sexy and exciting about sliding my hands up a womyn's skirt, touching her till she has an orgasm during a sad, intense movie in a public theater. Wishing for a womyn who's extremely sexual, intense, affectionate, femme to earthy, smart, funny, and likes to be spoiled. Me: sweet, charming, attractive, butch of color w/dreadlocks wants to love and be loved. Make my wish come true. Reply BT Box NV9A or call ★★1738.

Deep

Conversation with lots of time to breathe—in coffee shops, at the beach, on the phone, over dinner, etc., etc., etc.—that's where I'd like to start! I want to connect with lesbians in simple, uncomplicated ways. Let's look into each other's eyes and see what's there. And if there is something, let's go for it—slowly. 38+. No alcohol, drugs or smoke. Call ★★1739.

Are You Looking...

To meet someone who is attractive, feminine, funny, sincere and honest for a friendship with the possibility of a gratifying relationship? I know I am! I have recently moved to the Bay Area and am looking for someone to explore the City with. I'm a witty, conventional, middle of the road lesbian in my late-20s and sick of the bar scene, although I don't mind going out occasionally. If you have any of the above qualities, are 21-35, I would like to hear from you. Call ★★1740.

Really New At This

Feel 33, look 35, driver's license says 39. BiWF just getting out, seeks friendships, maybe more—depends, w/30s gay/bi femmes? feminine? centered? types. (Anyone out there with a dictionary?) I am: assertive, professional, eclectic reader, good sense of humor (after I get comfortable). Varied interests: 49ers to photography and many things between & outside—but not really the athletic type. As comfortable in silk/suits/pumps as jeans. Mainstream, seeking same, 5'4", shoulder length brn hair, attractive, blue eyes, honest, straightforward, 10 petite—but I could lose 10 lbs. Maybe if I get out a little more I might just do that. This ad per word costs a zillion. Since I'm already here, even if you do not feel you are appropriate respondent, feel free to cast your vote as to category most appropriate to ID myself as in the unlikely event I ever do this again—could save me a fortune. Poll results announced in December issue. If it sounds like a fit or you have a vote—give me a call. Call ★★1741.

Honesty, Integrity & Warmth

Are a few of the qualities I aspire to and look for in others. Intelligence and a sense of humor and adventure are also appreciated. My interests include dancing, music, sports, movies and traveling. Please call if you'd like to share some of these activities, or have others to suggest. Let's start as friends and see what develops. I'm 35, Black, NS, no drugs. Call ★★1742.

I'm Frequently Out

Enjoying films, theater, music (jazz, blues, symphony), museums, comedy, readings, restaurants, etc., bit I'm not too stuffy to enjoy ball games, gambling, children's books, dancing, beaches or flying a kite. I want to share this and more with a romantic, enthusiastic companion/lover, 38+, who makes time to play, time to feel, time to talk, and who is not afraid of intimacy, sexual adventure, nor commitment to the right woman. I'm a very caring, intelligent, fun-loving professional (psychologist), 40s, femme, plump, attractive, with much to give. I'm attracted to NS, psychology-minded, warm, sexually assertive women, who can cry, laugh and communicate feelings with ease. Reply BT Box NV10A or call ★★1743.

Racquetball Anyone?

Somewhat new to Oakland and want to go out to play. Sweating at the gym, on the dance floor or on my bicycle; caffe lattes, wry humor, lazing along hiking trails, erudite conversation based on metaphysics, the latest Vanity Fair or Mother Jones... the list goes on. Fun, definitely; dating, maybe. I have the luxury of not being 9-5. NS, over 32, race unimportant. I'm GWF, 42. Call ★★1744.

Next Stop: Never Never Land

I can understand Peter Pan's dilemma. I'm professional, well-educated, serious about important things, but I refuse to "grow up" regarding fun and play. Attracted to active, outdoors-loving, good humored Peter Pan and Wendy types who might not climb trees anymore but never considered it "beneath their dignity." I like to dance, bike, hike, explore, be romantic, travel, laugh. If you appreciate honesty, other old-fashioned values, are NS, 30s or 40s, let's connect. Reply BT Box NV11A or call ★★1745.

Are Femmes Extinct?

Are all the good ones taken? I'm warm, affectionate, gentle, loving, butch-identified, and still searching for my dream femme. I lead a simple life. I love my friends, cat, garden, work and life. All that needs filling is an empty space in my heart. I know you're out there. I won't stop believing that you're more than just a dream. Please call ★★1746.

Attention K.

Boo Boo (my San Leandroan b-o-t-t-o-m). You, too, are the only one I want to be with. I love you tons and know we'll enjoy a long, beautiful, soft, loving, sensual, erotic, hot, horny, wet, back-seat-of-my-Jeep-ish (pant, pant) life together. Love your Mr. Ranger (your Bostonian t-o-p, damn it!) Call ★★1747.

Reciprocal Romance!

Down-to-earth, multi-faceted, capable, tall, femme dyke, 30, seeking charismatic, butch-darlin'-with-heart for companionship, animal to cerebral fun, and creative adventurous love stuff. Please be exclusively lesbian, financially independent, single plus emotionally available, and of relatively healthy mind and body. Substance abusers and perfectionists discouraged. Easygoing, playful, good-humored, good kissers, and assertive gals encouraged. Call ★★1748.

Feminine To Feminine

Featuring the best catch in SF. If you are feminine (non-butch, non-androgynous, non-short hair—non-spank me in a swinging sling, thank you—non-not sure if you may fit); if you wear make-up, prefer camping at the Hyatt and are 30s to 40s, then please read on. In addition to being selective, I am a very sensitive, kind, caring, intelligent, fun, professional, sexy, loyal, loving, passionate, smart, adventurous, strong, silly, down-to-earth, compassionate, supportive friend/lover. I am feminine, attractive, available and looking... Reply BT Box NV12A or call ★★1749.

One Of A Kind

And one in a million at the March on Washington. (I was there, too.) Your ad ran six months ago. I was intrigued but not in a position to call... (I kept the ad!) You sounded like a kindred spirit. Are you still out there? Like you, I'm 41, looking for new friends and a lover to share my life with... and to create a family. Call ★★1750.

Andro Kiki

Seeks company of 30ish-40ish andro-butch or andro-femme women for fun times. LTR possible. Must be very sensual, emotionally soft, in touch with their more subtle energy. I am slightly overweight, with a very shapely body, large beautiful bustline, hedonistic; slightly conservative, NS/ND, enjoy homelife, music (like jazz and blues clubs), some favorites: L. Nyro, Judy Collins, Etta James, Charlie Musselwhite; like occasional gambling (poker, blackjack). Hobbies: auto repair, massage, cooking (ethnic, etc.). Call ★★1751.

Hello

I'm writing this for my friend. For the quick-glance-at-the-ad girls, she's 33, a soft butch, intelligent, sensitive, funny and cute. She's a teacher and I'm getting an "F" for finding her dates. I'm hoping this ad gets my grade up to an "A." Progress reports come out next week, so you femmes call in and help me out. Call ★★1752.

SHARED INTEREST

Please Note

The Shared Interest ads are a part of the Personals, and as such are for individuals seeking other individuals with common personal interests. They are not for the purpose of forming professional connections. If you are looking for business partners, clients or work-trade arrangements, or if you are forming a professional organization, please use the Open Exchange classified ads. Thanks.

Music, Anyone?

Intermediate-level pianist looking for instrumentalists or vocalists interested in playing chamber music. This will be just for fun—no Carnegie Hall performances in view! Please call ★★1830.

Women Runners And Walkers

Come out and get sweaty with us! The San Francisco FrontRunner Women are waiting to welcome you. Do you want a fast five-mile run? A gentle one-mile walk? Something in-between? We run (or walk), have fun. Come join us (and the guys), 9 am, Saturdays, Stow Lake Boathouse, GG Park. Call ★★1831.

My Dog

asked if I would run an ad for him. Here goes: "GRM (Golden Retriever Male) seeks M or F dog(s) to walk, swim and hike with, preferably in East Bay parks. Will bring mom chaperone along; 40s GWF. Please be fit and friendly and bring your mom along, too. Maybe we can form a pack?" Both dog and owner are active yet mellow and seek friends to share the great outdoors. Call ★★1832.

Generation X

This animated social/discussion group for the gay man in his 20s meets biweekly to explore issues of gay angst and recreation. Topics include internalized homophobia, relationships and careers. We've done potlucks, whitewater rafting, adventures in LA, and the River. Call for more info! Call ★★1833.

Coming Out

I need to be with people who are just coming out and aren't phobic about my present homophobia. If you are interested and would like to get together and talk, call me. Reply BT Box NV600A or call ★★1834.

Achtung!

Ein neuer deutsche kreis wird gegrundet um vorlesungen und anschliessende diskusionen anzustellen. Die Hauptsache wird gay und zugehorige theme zu diskutieren. Ruf doch an! Call ★★1835.

East Bay Shabbat

Looking for a few good women: If you are over 35 and would like to share a monthly Shabbat dinner with other Jewish dykes, please call! E. Bay location. First dinner Nov. 12. Call ★★1836.

Tennis Novice

GWM, late-30s, seeks other tennis players for w/e play in SF (or East Bay, car travel). I've been playing about 6 months and want to practice more on weekends (or possibly evenings). Other beginners or willing intermediates, please call. Reply BT Box NV601A or call ★★1837.

Weight-Reduction Group Starting

GM interested in support while losing weight. Weekly meetings—share recipes, exercise and nutrition tips. No 12-steps or higher power. Just advocacy for becoming more healthy and fit. Reply BT Box NV602A.

TRANS

TS Seeks Knight

A butch woman I seek,/ though I be meek./ I ask for a noble knight in black leather./ She will be sleek and toned/ but big of bone,/ and not afraid of a little rough weather./ She will be big of heart,/ savvy and smart./ A woman with knowing and loving./ Our eyes will meet./ Our hearts will skip a beat./ Then we will make lovey, dovey. Call ★★1820.

I Am Looking For A TV Or Transsexual

I am Latino, 39-yr-old, honest, sincere, serious about relationship. I am a good fucker; have 6" dick. I'm looking for feminine TV to be my little girl; I'll be the man, only for you. I'm in Santa Rosa, love long fucking and kissing; but don't speak English. Send phone number, picture please. 21 to 55 only. Call ★★1821.

MESSAGES

For Anyone Responding

To "Hasten Search" on Monday, Oct. 11, any time: messages were erased due to unexplained mishap. Please call back. Reply BT Box NV700A or call ★★1860.

Seeking Medical Man

You were awaiting a bus at 16th and Harrison, Friday night, Oct. 22, around 8:45, wearing a pink medical outfit with ID badge. I pulled up in a white car with a friend. We caught each other's eye, you smiled and gave a wave. I smiled back but shyly drove on. I circled back, but your bus had come. I'd enjoy meeting you. Call ★★1862.

Sally's On DeHaro

7:15 am, Tuesday, Oct. 26. You: cleanshaven, comely WM in business suit. No wedding ring. Me: similar. I gazed at you. You moved closer! What could this mean? My heart skipped. I apologized for staring, but was too shy to follow up. Please contact as I am pining away. Call ★★1863.

A Boy & His Dog...

In GGP, Wednesday, 10/20. You: 6', brn hair, goatee, 185#. Black lycra shorts, AX T-shirt, jeans and black belt w/silverwork and turquoise (?). Dog: small, b&w pug, mostly white. You kept her under control w/gestures and looks. Me: 6', bl. hair, beard, 185#, writing on the hill above you. It was a funny, charming first impression. I hope it won't be the last. Reply BT Box NV701A or call ★★1864.

SF Symphony—Oct. 20

We noticed each other at intermission... we were both dressed casually. You were with someone (friend?). We exchanged more eye contact after the concert, and I followed you briefly. I'd like to meet you. Reply BT Box NV702A or call ★★1865.

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"Scat Sex" Respondents

To everyone who responded to my "Scat Sex" personal ad in recent issues by using the voice mail: thanks for calling in and sorry I didn't get your message. Please call again, at ★★1867.

BISEXUAL

Happily Married Bisexual Male

5'8", 33, brn/grn, attractive, dark skin, gym-toned, articulate, well-adjusted and happily married bisexual male seeks same or some derivative thereof. My wife and I are committed to making our marriage work and therefore recognize and support my need to hook up with another man who is in a primary relationship. I'm looking for friendship, camaraderie and/or sex, it all depends. Please be comfortable with yourself, your sexuality and be somewhat aware of what you are looking for. Reply BT Box NV300A or call ★★1795.

Santa Rosa

Lovely, mature, conservative, very dominant bi woman whose hobby & avocation is the training of male slaves, seeks a promising new candidate. You should be naturally compliant, eager to learn all aspects of slavehood, accept discipline happily, seek to become a charming, lovely, graceful chattel. She also likes to talk to other dominants. Call ★★1796.

Womyn Of Power

Complete & total slave, bi, seeks dominant to take control of me. How may I serve you? Are you tired of hearing your submissives tell you their fantasies & what they want? Use me to fulfill your fantasies, for your convenience, amusement & pleasure. My training includes work as a houseboy, cook, masseur, pain & sex slut. My limits are offered to you to expand. Please call! PO Box 11330, Oakland 94611 or call ★★1797.

Woman Is The Nectar Of The World

And boys are ambrosia. I am 25, brilliant, cute, post-post-post modernist (thanks, Annie Sprinkle), seeking semi-similar womyn, 18-58, and butch boys, 18-21. Reply BT Box NV301A or call ★★1798.

Have It All!

Bisexual womyn seeks long-term relationship with well-to-do bi guy. We want children, family life, as well as options for discreet same sex partners. You should be nonsmoking, light to non-drinking, 30 to 50 years old, politically and spiritually aware. I'm independent, loving, fun, attractive, dynamic, self-actualized, secure, homeowner. My interests include bicycling, hiking, live entertainment, swimming, quiet times, scuba, travel. Call ★★1799.

Submissive

Submissive bisexual WM, 40s, seeks domination, humiliation & training. I'm 6', 185, tattooed, excellent housekeeper, cook, masseur, errand boy, handyman. Dominant lesbians encouraged to reply. Call ★★1800.

Boy-Girl Fun & Games

Submissive GM, latent bi, seeks M/F pair/group. Play with me. Show me who's boss. Let me worship you, join slave in serving. Have us perform, have me serve you together, or you watch while I submit to other, indulging voy/exhib fantasies (even if you're friends who haven't been sexual before). Play games for sexual stakes? Safe kink: bondage, spanking, shaving, body trimming/painting/marking, other? I'm young 40s, 5'6", 142#, bearded, bl/br, 7" cut. Call ★★1801.

Nevada Lover Seeks True Lover In Calif.

Bi woman, 51, short hair, marvelous figure, seeks mail sex first, woman or... (hot male queer 6 feet only) who wants to play with a sensuous lover who loves to love on Sundays, multi-orgasmic, loves oral and anal play, needs imaginative, classy, but hot lover who can keep up with her—she can go on forever. Taurus man or female a plus. Dominant or submissive. I can be both. I can be all to you. Reply BT Box NV302A or call ★★1802.

Photography

Amateur photographer seeks models for nude photo studies. I'm a 30-something BiWM who enjoys creating erotic portraits of men and women with beautiful bodies. We can capture fantasies, couples, leather and bondage scenes—you name it! No money—just fun and (hopefully) art. Write c/o 2215 Market St., #471, SF 94114 or leave a message at ★★1803 and I'll contact you.

Cuddly, Happily Married Bi Woman

Warm, psychologically aware, health-conscious, attractive, young-looking, 44, seeks similar bi or lesbian woman for loving, nurturing relationship/friendship. I'm Jewish, petite, soft, natural-looking, with brownish hair, and live in Berkeley area. Interests: personal growth, wholistic healing, spirituality, intimate conversation, reading, massage, nature, hiking, swimming, films, women's events, psychology. My husband is supportive of my desires for a special woman in my life. Call ★★1804.

Wanted: One Good Fag

(Yes, I'm still looking) Sought by interesting, 34-yr-old, horny, creative, voluptuous (40DDD-30-38), pretty Black woman lesbian w/firm thighs, for friendship & sex. We both have a great sense of humor, love the outdoors & have been (strangely enough) fantasizing about the opposite sex! The longer I wait the kinkier it gets. I imagine you to be 5'8"-6'-something, hard-bodied/muscular, w/great perky tits (like mine but smaller), handsome—maybe even drop dead gorgeous, well-endowed, very very masculine & physical. A man who doesn't mind being objectified, taunted, teased, poked, prodded, or chased from time to time. You are a mature, sensitive, communicative, gay male, 32+ yrs., HIV-, who likes women and who has the self-discipline to tolerate a (serious) tease while we develop a friendship... until we can't stand it anymore. Brown eyes, broad shoulders, butch bottoms encouraged. NS, ND. Call ★★1805.

MEN

Redwood City J/O Buddy(ies)

I'm seeking gay or bisexual male(s) who, like myself, reside in Redwood City. I'm tired of having to go to San Francisco (or for that matter other cities) to satisfy my sexual needs. There must be other gay or bisexual male(s) that reside in my city that need or want a J/O partner. I want to get together with you over your place on the weekends to satisfy both our sexual needs. So, if you're like me, over 21, HIV-, and again a resident of Redwood City, contact PO Box 880, Redwood City 94064 for more information.

Fit, Romantic And 65

Mature WASP still looking for Mr. Right. I'm 5'10", 175 lbs., silver hair, blue eyes, smooth body, medium build (in every sense) and looking for the same—romantic, average guy w/above avg. sensibilities. Not into sleaze, youngsters, gym bunnies or "hung" men. Passion and affection is what I need. I care about people, but need someone special to care about me. Photo to PO Box 2608, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★1875.

Hopeless Romantic

In this shallow world of computers, mind deadening TV, and rampant violence, I still believe it is possible to have a happy, healthy, intelligent, caring and intensely sexual relationship. My interests include literature, the arts, films, travel, animal issues, volunteer work, also simple pleasures, conversations in cafes, playing games, cooking, gardening. Sexually I prefer someone 30-45, GWM, a top, not strictly vanilla sex, but no serious S/M, nonsmoker/drugs. I am a GWM, 40, attractive, blnd-blue, 190, HIV+. Reply BT Box NV70A or call ★★1876.

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5'8", 33, brn/grn, attractive, dark skin, gym-toned, articulate, well-adjusted and happily married bisexual male seeks same or some derivative thereof. My wife and I are committed to making our marriage work and therefore recognize and support my need to hook up with another man who is in a primary relationship. I'm looking for friendship, camaraderie and/or sex, it all depends. Please be comfortable with yourself, your sexuality and be somewhat aware of

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what you are looking for. Reply BT Box NV71A or call ★★1877.

Handsome Professional

Intelligent, handsome and athletic GWM, 36, 5'9", 170#, HIV-, brown hair, brown eyes, seeks athletic and muscular Asians, 21-40, to share fun and safe encounters. Not looking for romance, but mature and together guys who can appreciate a good time. Call ★★1878.

Sex Toy & Houseboy Wanted

For 24 hours of slavery on regular schedule (maybe every other Saturday). Master is white, tall, brown/blue, moustached, experienced, Scorpio. Have fun but sometimes very demanding toys. Any race, age (legal), experience level or bi is OK. But be ready for bondage, obedience training and discipline. Cum share my open spirit and fun imagination while giving it up to me. Always safe, sane and consensual. Call ★★1879.

Looking For Friends To Share...

Hiking, movies, classical music, theater, books, travel, quiet dinners and good conversation with GWM retired professor who hasn't forgotten or regretted the '60s. I'm active, healthy, tall, bespectacled, and with somewhat long hair. You are a GWM who might also be interested in parapsychology and other frontier sciences, Jungian psychology and non-Western kinds of spirituality. Let's meet for coffee. Please write to BT Box NV72A.

Smelly Socked Feet

WM master looking for sock slave, 18-40. Must like raunchy, smelly socks; forced public shoe removal, exposing dirty, stinking socked feet; enforced long-term sock/shoe wear; rules; humiliation; kinky sock games; sock worship; forced sockwalks. Reply BT Box NV73A or call ★★1880.

Seeking Not Too Nice Jewish Boy

Intelligent, humorous, playful, progressive, romantic and responsible GM, 29, loves both his public sector job and his cartoon dinosaur shower curtain. Call ★★1881.

A Man With Qualities Seeks Same

33 y.o. GWM physician, 5'9", 150, HIV-, multilingual (speaks German, French, Greek), classical pianist and opera fan, lover of European literature (currently exploring Musil's *The Man Without Qualities*) seeks sexy man within ten years of my age who is health-conscious, curious, literate, enjoys weekend getaways and various means of intimate verbal and nonverbal communication and meta-communication. No muscle clones, New Age Boys, tattoos, piercings, skin grafts or other faddish forms of self-mutilation. Reply BT Box NV74A or call ★★1882.

"Explore The Arctic Ember—World's Last Wonder"

Someone out there has got to be the luckiest guy in the world to find true love, because this one great-looking, 28 y.o., Eurasian, who's 5'7", 140 lbs., blk/brn, a well-trimmed smooth body, a good integrated heart and so much fun to be with, is looking for a marrying man to build a solid, happy, and a meaningful relationship with. Integrity, lots of compassion, and a capacity to love is the only way toward the "Last Wonder of the World." Send picture & letter for a brochure. Reply BT Box NV75A.

Romantic & Sincere

Nice-looking, 49, GWM, 5'8", 157 lbs., nonsmoker, HIV-, quality guy seeks special (34-47) GWM. I like theater, dining out, travel and cuddling, not necessarily in that order. We're both personable, caring, successful, kind, loving & fun. You must be honest, know how to communicate and like who you are. Please call ★★1883.

Mature Seeks Youthful

Seeking a positive-thinking, affectionate, very (!) youthful-looking guy, for friendship. Men of color welcome. You are not doing drugs, are a nonsmoker, HIV- and enjoy sex. Your personality is more important to me than your body and your looks. I'm a caring WM, a professional writer and therapist. I am muscular, trim, short and compact, 62, HIV-. PO Box 31341, SF 94131 or call ★★1884.

Rio And San Francisco

Brazilian GM, 35, 6', 208, attractive, masculine, accent, 'stache, educated, professional, romantic, HIV-; into other cultures, good conversation, movies, trips to the countryside, travel; seeking similar GM. Hairy, 35-45 a plus. Call ★★1885.

Available For Magic

55 y.o. GWM, 5'9", 150 lbs., trimmed gray beard, thinning hair, distinguished looking professional, emotionally available, capable of loving and being responsible; HIV-. Lover of 8 yrs. died 1½ yrs. ago. Love walking, music, theater, travel, hanging out, caring, giving, talking, puns, humor, ideas. Seeking intelligent, articulate, responsive, attractive, sincere man, 40s to mid-50s. I want to love deeply and openly again. NS. Reply BT Box NV76A or call ★★1886.

Don't Have To Be Top

Don't like it that much on the bottom; I'd rather go sideways. I'm not into role-playing, stereotypes or manipulations. What I'm looking for are honest, mature friendships hopefully leading to LTR. I'm 42, 6', 175#, HIV-, NS, cleanshaven, and I like hiking, cooking, travel, history, romantic dinners, and heavy discussions about the state of the world and the meaning of life. You are 35-45 (or thereabouts), and have a similar wide range of interests (not necessarily the same ones), and you're looking for someone to share that first cup of coffee with in the morning. Call ★★1887.

Are You Out There?

Mid-century, distinguished-looking Ph.D., HIV-, monogamous, seeking dialogue and discreet games with mature individual of culture, intelligence and wit. HIV- please. Reply Box 52, 350 - 7th Ave., SF 94118 or call ★★1888.

I Don't Care If You Drive A Lexus

I do care that you are very intelligent, well-educated, handsome, masculine, well-built, unpretentious, motivated, aware, relatively sophisticated, sexy, kind, and have been around enough to know what you want. I'm very intelligent, well-educated, very handsome, masculine, and have a great body. I'm looking for an equal—someone who can excite me physically, intellectually and emotionally. Stats: 35, 5'6", 145, br/blue, French/Italian, HIV-. Personality traits: quick dry wit, kind, unpretentious, even-tempered, honest, motivated, shy, sometimes stubborn, not afraid of commitment or showing affection. Demographics: professional, Brooks Brothers/Gap, downtown type. I occasionally try to think of myself as something wilder, but have a hard time convincing anyone. Nonreligious. Interests: foreign films, eating out, off-the-beaten-track travel, novels, cycling, swimming, architecture, home projects, volunteer work, and doing things with friends, gay and straight. You should be in your 30s, moderately financially secure but not overly materialistic, HIV-, and really excited about this ad. Please write, with a photo, to PO Box 190065, SF 94119-0065.

My Favorite? Sunday Mornings

GWM, 31, 6'1", 180, brn/brn, HIV-, looking for a nice guy who's tired of waiting for Mr. Right to find him. I enjoy neighborhood cafes, travel, movies, theater. I'm stable, honest, emotionally available, someone who loves a night on the town as much as lounging in bed on a Sunday morning. Attracted to a variety of types. You: 25-35, relationship-oriented, HIV-, nonsmoker. Call ★★1889.

42 & Wishing/Hoping

To meet a humorous, romantic guy who's serious about a monogamous LTR. I'm a registered nurse, well-educated academic type low key GLM. I am not super macho, but neither am I super effeminate. I am a quiet, gentle, sometimes hopelessly romantic Latino man who enjoys movies, ballet, music and romantic suppers. I'm 5'5", 170#, hairy, husky build, moustache, dark brown eyes and hair (balding). You are a gay LM/WM/AM/BM, professional/academic type, mature, sincere, emotionally available, comfortable with being gay and employed, 38-48, husky build and health-conscious. We're both HIV-, don't smoke or do drugs. Please no attitude or major hang-ups. Reply BT Box NV77A or call ★★1890.

Socratic Hardon?

Consider this if you are young, long-haired, miscreant, malcontent and the like. Let me ground you with ageless sexual know-how and counsel. I am world traveler (often at village level), artist/writer. A virile veggie, voraciously oral, 49 y.o., br/bl, 175 lbs., goatee. Please be 18-25, NS, ND, political leanings and love of the unknown are a plus. Call ★★1891.

Have You A Fireplace?

Looking to snuggle this winter with someone of import. Aspiring teacher with many interests would like to expand horizons. Vital stats: Latino, 30, 5'8", 155, educated, not wealthy, positive, asymptomatic, Buddhist, "old soul," pragmatic, romantic, hopeful, passionate, loquacious. Be honest, cool, tolerant, accessible, over 25, under 40, no substance abuse problems, height-weight proportioned. Thinkers a turn-on! Call or write w/ vivid description. Reply BT Box NV78A or call ★★1892.

Imperfect Mortal

Seeks same. I put one foot in front of the other and "go on living." Sound familiar? Read on: GWM, 37, 5'10", 175, br/gr; HIV+ at least 7 years; East Coast-born, West Coast altered; into highbrow culture by day, Bullwinkle reruns and porn flicks by night. While I confess a peculiar weakness for tall, Californicated Midwestern-guys, don't let your height or place of birth stop you from responding. Just be within 5 years of my age, in average shape, and curious enough to call for a date; the rest "takes care of itself." Call ★★1893.

Honesty/Integrity

34, 6'1", 175#, well-built, handsome GM, Eurasian descent, looking for attractive GWM (27-37), optimistic, self-aware, life-loving, wanting to develop meaningful relationships. My interests: experiencing movies, ballet, live music, fall days, redwoods, hiking, Pt. Reyes; playing basketball, watching Giants games (Candlestick), being quiet at home—fire, good book. My personal journey within's as important as working out my body. Looking for more than sex? I'm looking for you. Call ★★1894.

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GAM Seeking GWM

Attractive, athletic, Asian male would like to meet a good-looking GWM. I'm a 5'10", 150 lb., HIV-, financially secure 30 y.o. guy who's optimistic, intelligent, balanced, and good-humored. I enjoy playing volleyball competitively, skiing, movies, good conversation and taking weekend trips. Would like to meet an attractive, in-shape, HIV-, easygoing GWM between 24-34 for a friendship/relationship. Please call ★★1896.

Tall, Dark, Handsome Latino

35, 6'2", 195, nice body, soul, dark hair/eyes, well-hung; honest, stable, open-minded with positive values. Very attracted to masculine blue collar types, 20-40, who are easygoing, relationship oriented and want to handle a sexy Latino man for more than one night. I've much to offer—you do too. Letter/photo (returned). Reply BT Box NV80A or call ★★1897.

Seeking Uncut Bear

Attractive, masculine, GWM, 38, HIV-, 6', 180 lbs., sandy blond hair, green eyes, moustache & trim beard, light body hair, bodybuilder, uncut, looking for a long-term monogamous relationship with a trim, uncut bear. Turn-ons: foreskins, body hair, beards, deep voices, masculinity, pot and cuddling. I enjoy dogs (I have a yellow lab), going to the movies, collecting laser discs, dancing, the outdoors (sunshine), camping, hiking, travel, and scuba diving. I am professional, intelligent, romantic, affectionate, honest and a good communicator. Reply with photo: BT Box NV81A or call ★★1898.

I Like To Watch, Be Watched

I am 40 y.o., European, short, 5'5", in good shape, hairy legs, ass, nice cut dick. You are any age, healthy, in-shape, hairy below the waist. Reply PO Box 640361, SF 94164-0361 or call ★★1899.

Positive

Handsome, 40s, professional, clean-cut, blue/gray, 180#, 6', bright, energetic, independent, healthy HIV+, polished. Direct but always charming. Intense about things that matter. Adventurous and open. Appreciate anything ever written, great conversation, the outdoors, looking for a companion with intelligence, style, individuality and a sense of his own worth. Call ★★1900.

I Like Ass

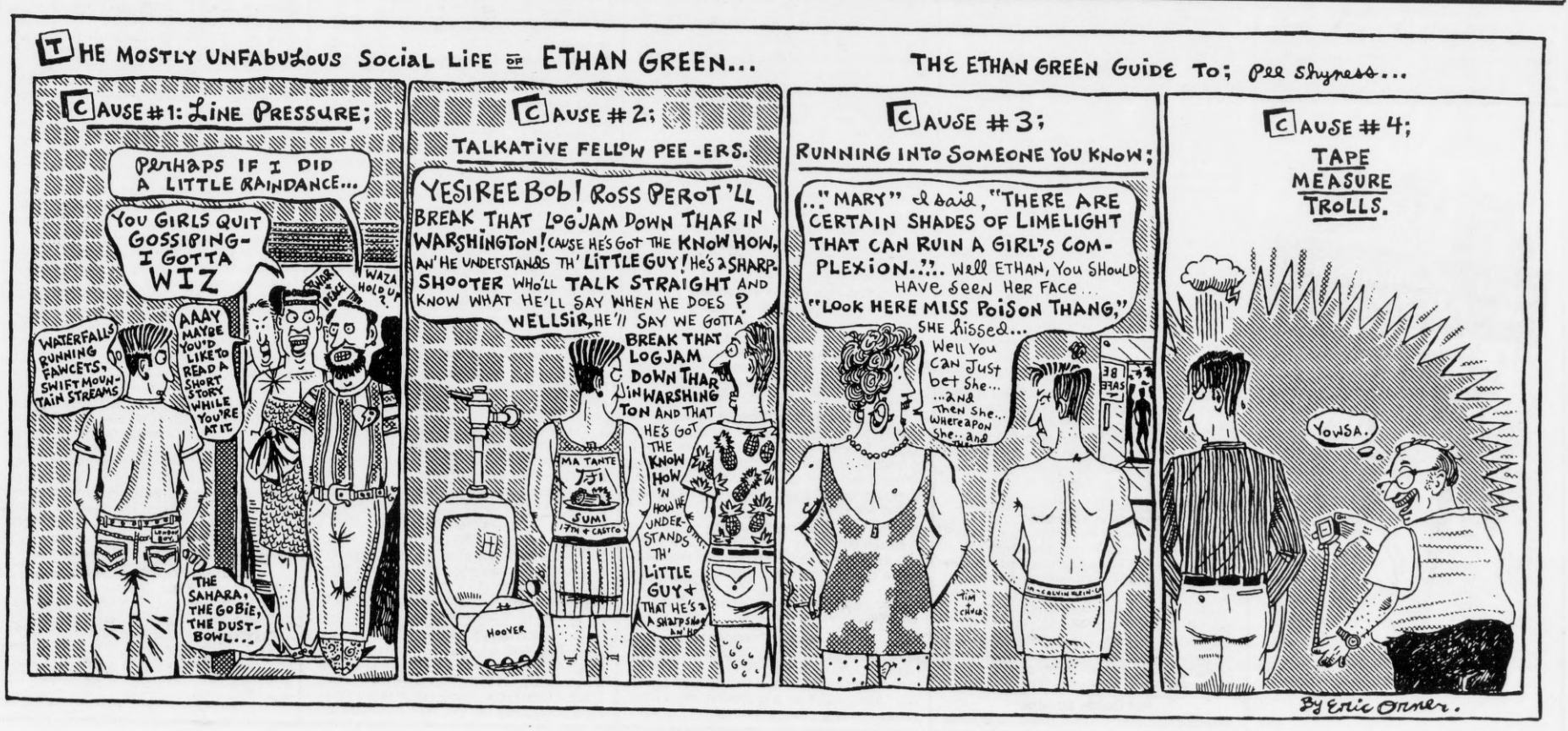
Teddy bear dad seeks bottom son. Attractive GWM, 43, 6'5", 280 lbs., looking for other attractive GWMs, 18-35, who have a slim build and nice buns. I want to look at, touch, squeeze, massage, tickle and probe a nice ass for an extended period of time. Light spanking will stimulate nerve endings, then on your knees for a long, safe ride. Call ★★1901.

You're So Smooth

OK, it's basically a sexual ad—I've had Mr. Wrong already, and I'm resting up for Mr. Right. I'm a hung, dominant top looking for hot, smooth bottoms to passionately pump. I love smooth butts, legs, balls—especially on men of color, but others invited. HIV+. If you turn on to masculine brunettes with moustaches—hairy, often called handsome—call/write! Reply BT Box NV82A or call ★★1902.

Spanish Man

Good-looking Spanish man wants Portuguese man who can love and enjoy a hot, hungry, long, expert tongue for your beautiful fat ass. I also have a talented deep throat for your very fat big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THE ETHAN GREEN GUIDE TO; Pee Shyness...
CAUSE #1: LINE PRESSURE;
PERHAPS IF I DID A LITTLE RAINDANCE...
YOU GIRLS QUIT GOSSIPING- I GOTTA WIZ
WATERFALLS RUNNING FAUCETS, SWIFT MOUNTAIN STREAMS
AAAY MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO READ A SHORT STORY WHILE YOU'RE AT IT
THE SAHARA, THE GOBIE, THE DUST-BOWL...
CAUSE #2;
TALKATIVE FELLOW PEE-ERS.
YESIREE Bob! ROSS PEROT 'LL BREAK THAT LOGJAM DOWN THAR IN WARSHINGTON! CAUSE HE'S GOT THE KNOW HOW, AN' HE UNDERSTANDS TH' LITTLE GUY! HE'S A SHARP-SHOOTER WHO'LL TALK STRAIGHT AND KNOW WHAT HE'LL SAY WHEN HE DOES? WELLSIR, HE'll SAY WE GOTTA BREAK THAT LOGJAM DOWN THAR IN WARSHINGTON AND THAT HE'S GOT THE KNOW HOW 'N HOW HE UNDERSTANDS TH' LITTLE GUY + THAT HE'S A SHARPSHOOTER AN' HOOVER
CAUSE #3;
RUNNING INTO SOMEONE YOU KNOW;
..." MARY" Ethan said, "THERE ARE CERTAIN SHADES OF LIMELIGHT THAT CAN RUIN A GIRL'S COMPLEXION.". Well ETHAN, You SHOULD HAVE Seen Her FACE... "LOOK HERE MISS POISON THANG," SHE hissed... Well You can Just bet She... ...and Then She... Whereapon She... and
CAUSE #4;
TAPE MEASURE TROLLS.
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dick. You are HIV-. I would love to make your dreams come true. I am uncut, thick, very well-endowed. Call ★★1903.

Hairy-Chested Blonds & Redheads Make Me
Drop to my knees! I am 38 yrs. old, blond, smooth defined musc. body. Attractive, 29 waist, nice pecs and arms, pretty bubble butt, HIV-. Seeks romantic fun guy. Let's get oiled up! Work up a sweat! See you real soon. Call ★★1904.

Daddy Type Wanted
By a 27 y.o., 5'8", GAM for friendship, companionship and love. We're both HIV-, educated, attractive, clean, discreet, sincere and cultural. Some of my interests include PBS, art, skiing, movies and quiet evenings. If you're masculine, caring, affectionate and have a lot to offer, please drop me a line with a returnable photo. Life is full of surprises and possibilities. South Bay preferred. Reply BT Box NV83A or call ★★1905.

Positive Playmate
Not looking for a relationship; looking to bond with other men who are looking for the same: friendship, companionship, sex. GWM, 31, HIV+, brown/brown, 160 lbs., 5'10", attractive, gym-toned, healthy, versatile, bottom, preppie, professional, honest, adventuresome, playful. Looking for similar to make adventures, hang out, play. Into hiking, biking, camping, long drives, cooking, dancing, doing nothing and new experiences. Call ★★1906.

Older Seeks Much Younger
You: 18+, maybe heavy hung stud muffin, slim with kissable lips; educated or getting there. Me: specs, white top, cleanshaven, HIV-, affectionate, humorous, professional, fatherly, fun. Send a hand-made letter (photo opportunity) to Boxholder, PO Box 696, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★1907. Tell all now. All.

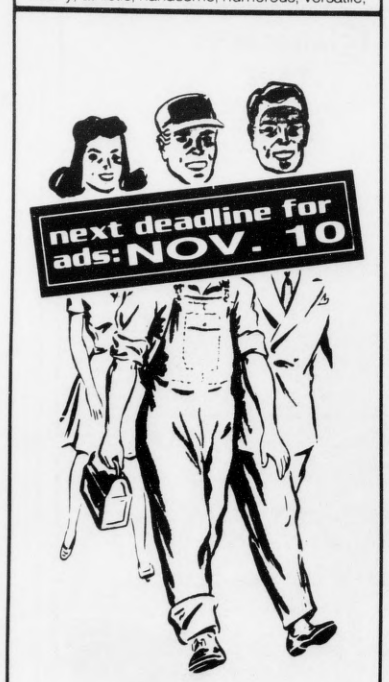
Can You Hear The Blues?!
Are you attractive intellectually, physically, emotionally, spiritually? Can you maintain your separate identity in a meaningful & committed relationship? I am 55 y.o., 150 lbs., HIV-, bearded, professional with a very good relationship history. I enjoy walking, beaches, music, theater, talking, international travel. I seek intelligent, educated, articulate, interesting, responsible male, early-40s to early-50s. NS. Reply BT Box NV84A or call ★★1908.

Do You Have A Large, Protruding Beer Belly
Would you like to have someone worship that bloated gut of yours? If so, this handsome, 33 y.o., GWM, who is 6'2", 175, with blue eyes, light brown hair and short beard wants to hear from you now! I am HIV- and enjoy the usual stuff: music, movies, conversation, sex, nature, etc. (not necessarily in that order!). PO Box 51113, Palo Alto 94303 or call ★★1909.

Wild Rice
28 y.o. Asian jock, smooth, well-defined body, 5'9", 160 lbs. of muscle & well-hung, wants to meet in-shape studs under 35 y.o. (bodybuilder is a plus), well-hung & passionate for private workout, hot oil massage & more. Call ★★1910.

Intimacy And Friendship
GWM, 41, 5'11", professional, HIV+ in good health, stable and enjoys hugs and body touching. Seeks: "relationship-oriented" man, young to mid-40s, who enjoys intimate dinners, movies, outdoor activities; someone who enjoys intimacy and open communication; willingness to give and receive love, and above all a positive attitude about life, sense of humor and in good shape. If you are interested and the timing is right for you, call ★★1911.

Relationship Wanted
Fit, successful GWM, 5'9", 160, 51. I am a premiere companion, HIV-, upbeat, solvent, versatile, good-looking, very smart, stable, sane and sexy. You are GWM, HIV-, NS, younger (28-40), brainy, athletic, handsome, humorous, versatile, masculine, an independent man with an identity. Smooth and hung would be nice. We enjoy conversation, athletics, thinking, travel, being romantic, hot sex, theater, family, laughing, mutuality and reciprocity, food, outdoors, reading. Call ★★1912.



Nice Guy With HIV
Healthy GWM, HIV+, seeks compatible friends/sexual buddies. I'm: 39, stocky, attractive, hairy, hung, topman; brown/blue with moustache, masculine, affectionate, passionate and honest, nonsmoker/drinker/drugs. You're: brunette (Asians, Latins, Italians, etc.), very smooth, bottom, great kisser, fun guy, who craves passion and tender-to-dominant touches. Let's go wild between the sheets and go dancing, too! Reply BT Box NV85A or call ★★1913.

Banker Turned HIV+ Bohemian
37, 5'6", 145 lbs., blond, bearded, tattooed, healthy on disability, hairy bottom. Seeks other HIV+ for exotic travel, rail, cruise, auto. Nonsexual travel buddy, fuckbuddy or true love, all options. Am humorous, educated, hyper, wacky, comfortable in chaps or tuxedo—own both. Fluent French, good Spanish. Let's enjoy the silver lining of being on disability—it's now or never. Santa Cruz (have wheels). Call ★★1914.

Hung And Uncut
Handsome, 38, GLM, 6', 185, HIV-, into safe sex, WS and J/O, lots of hugging and love out of the bar scene. Let's be kinky without risks. PO Box 427126, SF 94142 or call ★★1915.

Touch, Taste, Smell
GWM, 5'8", 145#, brn, hazel, young 50, HIV-; opera, Van Morrison, writing, reading, cooking, languages, walks, hikes, travel, people, politics; fantasy and solitude; sleeping like spoons. Moments! Call ★★1916.

Talented Tongue Seeks Popsicles
Yes, summer is over, but I still love to lick a hard bar! Sex is a joy to me, so why not share? I'm Asian, 5'8", 145 lbs., and available; UB 2. NS, ND, non-alcoholic please. Safe sex. Seek males 45-65 only. Reply BT Box NV86A or call ★★1917.

Fight Fantasies
Two masked villainous pro-wrestlers, ex-tag-team partners, in a grudge match; two USMC grunts barechested in cammies and boots duking it out in the barracks; two naked, booted leathermen fighting for topman position; two lumberjacks rasslin' for the camp championship. Any of that sound good? Got your own favorite fight fantasy? Great! Make those fantasies real with this strong, tough, muscular, extra-hairy, wrestling/boxing stud. Call ★★1918.

San Francisco Boyfriend
Looking for a guy to stimulate me; hold my attention; return my affection. Let's hang out, make out, hold hands and learn from each other. Me: 34, tall, cute, artistic, funny, sincere and boyish. You: cleanshaven, smart, sexy, nice person, not too serious, like to kiss. We're both HIV-/don't smoke cigs/masculine. Romance me. Sweep me off my feet. Call ★★1919.

HIV+ Latin Top Wanted
Capricorn, Virgo or Scorpio only—moustached, uncut, tattoos, mota, husky, are big pluses with me! I'm blond, blue, six foot, cuddlemonster seeking soulmate. Call ★★1920.

Give Me A Well-Dressed Lover
I love me and would like to love you. Seeking a big, well-built, stocky, white male, 45-57, average to attractive, over 5'10", 180 lbs., must be single, healthy, down-to-earth, fun, affectionate, loving, interesting, friendly, easygoing, a nonsmoker who wants a long-term relationship. No brief encounters, photo requested. PO Box 794, Oakland 94604 or call ★★1921.

South Bay Bottom
I am a handsome, 25, GHM (German/Mexican) bottom, 6', 195, pretty smooth, cleanshaven, looking to meet in-shape, masculine, dominant, relationship-oriented, GHM/GWM, 20-36, preferably in the South Bay/San Jose area, but SF OK. I am real oral, love to kiss and cuddle, and love hot fun. Sex is great but a relationship would be great too. Reply BT Box NV87A or call ★★1922.

Bounce Me On Your....
Cute baby bear seeks brother or papa bear for mutual affection. Bl/bl, 24, 5'10", 170, goatee, tats, prcg, college grad, writer, partier (beer busts/dancing rather than drugs). Want intimate friendship and romance with man under 35 who wants to hibernate deep, long and hard inside my cave. Make me growl. Chubby teddys OK. Leather, toys, trust a+. Casual date first. Reply BT Box NV88A or call ★★1923.

Just Sex
GWM, 37, 5'6", 143 lbs., bearded, balding, with hairy torso. Looking for sexual encounters with safe, sane men. Prefer hairless torsos, ethnic types OK. Beard and moustache not necessary; no commitments or marriage proposals, just safe sex. Leave description of yourself or send photo. Your photo gets mine. Reply BT Box NV89A or call ★★1924.

Unbutton Your Shirt
I love your furry chest! Me: GWM, 29, 6', 155 in-shape lbs., dark brown hair, blue eyes, moustache. Better than average looking and HIV-. My interests range from hot tubbing at home to roaming the backroads and flying the airways. I seek another healthy, active, masculine, very together, mature, sincere and happy man to share quality time with. I'm attracted to tall, rugged, clear-skinned, hirsute men with weight in proportion to height. Please send photo and phone. Merci bien. Reply BT Box NV90A.

Hot Daddy Bottom
Attractive WM, fit 58, 5'11", 170 lbs., 33/32 Levis, short hair/beard, tribal tatts incl. C&B & butt to a-hole; piercings, 2 each nip, 55 C&B. Butterfly subincision, big nuts. GP, fantastic deep throat, HIV- (SS), seeks daddy top (hairy uc big+), wide spectrum kink. I have city pad; country dude has priority. Intelligence, creativity, humor, marginality (old hippy!) definite assets. Box 302, 1117 Geary, SF 94109 or call ★★1925.

Black, Healthy & Horny & Hung
If your wish is to have fun & maybe even get serious with an exceptional Black guy who absolutely craves "old men," you should check me out. Nothing phony here! Reply BT Box NV91A or call ★★1926.

An Honest Ad
By an honest man seeking honest people. I'm mostly looking for guys to date, but I won't turn my nose up at a one-night stand as long as we have fun while we're together. I'm good-looking but not gorgeous; muscular, but not a bodybuilder; intelligent and reasonably together, yet well aware of my limitations and idiosyncracies. Sexually, I'm strictly a bottom (and a good one), I like all kinds of sex (but nothing too kinky), and I'm not well-endowed (sigh). I'm HIV+ and healthy, and aggressive about staying that way, but not so much that I don't party on occasion. Other stats: 36 years old, 5'10", 170 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, hairy chest and legs. I'm attracted to all kinds of men as long as you're in good physical shape, are decent-looking, masculine and are older than 30. If you think you might click with a guy like me, call ★★1927.

Voyeurs
BiWM & GBM couple interested in watching two hot studs do the nasty. Include your stats, phone #, pictures and what you two like; include your fantasies. Preferably under 35, our place or yours. Have nice bodies and dicks. VOY, PO Box 27517, Oakland 94602.

UR: Red-Haired & Pale & Blue-Eyed
Deeply desire: lifemate+, R: bluntly forthright, articulate. Me? Handsome, guileless, Italian, mesomorphic, bearish (??), very intelligent, hairy, guitarist & mover, 190 lbs., bald (shaved? TBA!), not into jaded/kink/leather/stereotype. Real. Kind, tactile, eclectic, monogamous—like U! Not into "New" (?) Age. U like: maverick artists-musicians ala John Zorn/Naked City, Ornette Coleman, Eno, Orb, Stravinsky, Hendrix, D.H. Lawrence, Krishnamurti. Free of "herd mentality." Spontaneous. Love's a verb. Dinner w/Andre; Bergman. Maine! Iceland! Blackberries! Columbine! Walt Whitman! Big Sur! Romance! No "wait 4ever" idealists. Call ★★1928.

Looking For Intimacy?
You: very slender to defined, smooth, stable, easygoing, like kids; FrA/P; African American, Latino, Asian preferred. Me: GWM, 40, husky, hairy, bearded "bear" type, 5'11", 195 lbs., HIV-, shy, busy; enjoy cuddling, kissing, FrA/P. Us: get together for friendship, good communication, safe sex, whatever develops. Relationship possible if emotional and physical intimacy develops. HIV-status, dick size, etc., unimportant. Prefer East Bay. Call ★★1929.

Out And Out Of The Mainstream
GWM, 39, 5'10", 200#, NS, ND, looking for friends, sports buddies, and LTR, in that order. Sensitive, open, good-hearted. Blue collar worker, outdoors oriented. Waiting for rain and snow to go whitewater boating and skiing (downhill, cross-country). Live Humboldt County and like it. Not very oriented to gay scene. Shopping for Toyota 4WD for next vehicle. Reply PO Box 1053, Arcata 95521 or call ★★1930.

Celebrating Masculinity
This mature Latino dad seeks a "boy" of any age to explore our father/son fantasies. This is a sex ad—not seeking a lover ad. "Smaller" guys encouraged. East Bay and Latino especially—one-time or ongoing sex buddy. Written reply with photo gets priority. Let's check it out. Reply BT Box NV92A or call ★★1931.

Homo For The Holidays!
Yeah, tis the season (almost). Humbug, you say? Me too. A wild affair could just make it merry. Me: QWM, 5'11", 155 lbs., handsome, young-looking 44. HIV-. Love working on/driving old cars, CW dancing, hiking, camping & just hanging out. Bottom/versatile and love wild sex. You are 28 to 45, very trim, top/versatile, HIV- and ready for good times! Call ★★1932.

"I Got This Friend In London..."
He's inexperienced but eager to learn. Decent build, 29, Scorpio (w/Leo rising!); likes beefy blonds—build, then endowment, then looks are his order of priority, and he's very into heavy metal. If you're a London traveler and want a nice "date" gimme a call—could be fun for both of you. (Sorry, no HIV. Thanks.) Call ★★1933.

Good-Looking Straight Type
GWM, 39, 6'1", 200 lbs., brown/green, not into gay life. Exception to what you have met. Ready to meet similar good-looking masculine relationship-oriented great guy. Must be romantic, fun-loving and beautiful inside. Reply BT Box NV93A or call ★★1934.

Wedding Banquet
In search of "Simon." I am 28 y.o. GAM, 5'9", 160 lbs., gym-toned body/BB, professional & stable. Seeking friendship/relationship is possible. You are under 35 y.o., in good shape (bodybuilder is a plus), stable. Let's give it a shot. Call ★★1935.

Realistically Passionate
GBM, 5' tall, 115 lbs., dancer's build, smooth hairless muscular body, HIV+, 35-year-old, into reality not fantasies about who you and I are. Want friendship, trust and passion with a man. I love adventure, travel, sex with all kinds of men. I am passionate, sensitive and a very romantic, sane person looking for passionate, romantic man who owns himself. You've gotta like sex. Call ★★1936.

Cautious Optimism
Calm, plucky, compactly built, HIV- boyfriend sought by same, 48, slightly dynamic, quick to smile. Reply BT Box NV94A or call ★★1937.

Italian Men
They say Irish and Italian men are a good pair, so I'm willing to find out. I'm 37, blond, blue eyes, 5'9", 140, smooth, defined body, attractive, HIV-, outgoing, sincere. I'm willing to try. Are you? I live and work in the lovely East Bay. Call ★★1938.

Sensual Oral Service
Straight/Bi/GWM, gym-toned, muscular, BB, healthy, in-shape, 35-45, clean-cut, who are horny for overall deep throat service by oral expert, your way, as long as you want it. Try me. Healthy, clean-cut, trim, attractive GWM, masculine, discreet, submissive, available evenings and some days. You won't be disappointed. Your hot buddy OK. Photo? Reply BT Box NV95A or call ★★1939.

Birthday Boyfriend Wanted!
Well, not just for my birthday! Tell me, does having sex first ruin chances for relationship? About me, I'm very affectionate, handsome, sensitive, romantic, big-hearted. I'm 5'11", 170#, work-out, goatee. I like a lot of things, from bowling to theater. I'm looking for that special someone and friendships. I especially love Italians. Please don't be too afraid of intimacy. Hope you answer. Birthday: Nov. 17! Call ★★1940.

Hugs And Kisses Come First
Teddy bear dad seeks bottom son for long-term relationship. Me: honest, sincere, attractive, GWM, 43, 6'5", 280 lbs. Interests include music, concerts, cabaret. Sexually into ass massage, light spanking, Greek active. You: attractive, GWM, 21-35, slim with great buns. Maturity and loyalty a must. Call ★★1941.

Young Master Sought
For prolonged bondage, fantasy, humiliation and sane exploration of S&M scenes indoors & outdoors. I am 30, 165 lbs., NS, ND, cleanshaven & smooth, HIV-. You should be same, aggressive, intelligent, 20-35, either experienced or interested in exploring some fantasies. Seek someone who knows when to play & when to be friends or more. Interested? Call me and let's talk—who knows. Call ★★1942.

Older Guy Thrives On Big Bubble Butts
Black male, 47, dark skin, moustache, graying thin hair, eager to meet, date, become close to a white, clean-cut, HIV-, nonsmoking male over 30, 5'10", 180 lbs. Prefer stocky, employed, ambitious guy who is a sexual top or versatile lover. I love a big bubble butt to cling to. Photo requested and letter to: Box 794, Oakland 94604 or call ★★1943. Let me love you!

Friendly Oral
Very talented, late-30s, 5'10", 160 lbs., trim beard, hairy, brown/green, available evenings and some days, seek sexual friendship or just hot times. Open to all types of (trim) men and also love getting head. Call ★★1944.

Birthday Special
Just 52, tall, very nice-looking, fun to be with, very easygoing professional. Regular interest, and creative with hands (carpentry, upholstering, gardening—"upholstering??") Love life, laugh a lot, but serious about life's commitments. Definitely left. Friends say I'm a great catch. Are you interested? A no frills person with lots of love and integrity. No drugs/drink or smoke. PO Box 2204, Santa Rosa 95405 or call ★★1945.

Total Bottom
Attractive GWM, 58, 5'11", 170 lbs., 33/32 Levis, short s&p beard/hair, extensive tattoos, multiple piercings, subincision, excellent deep throat, GP, HIV-, artist, intelligent, creative, easygoing, hedonist, hypersensual, services hot daddy (any stats, uc a+), f-buddy into all of it. Special interests: B&D & wide spectrum control FF, WS, flogs, piercing, modification, CBTT, medical, all S/M. Your limits, not mine, all the way. Reply BT Box NV96A or call ★★1946.

Progressive Values, Wit And Honesty
Are valuable to me: GWM, 45, 180 lbs., 5'11", HIV-, brown eyes, auburn hair. I like intimacy, to laugh, to give and to love. I am looking for a compatible topman, any race, over 30, who is HIV- and hopes, as I do, for a monogamous relationship. If he likes film, art, plants, country roads, or photography as I do, and is ½ as emotionally giving and available as I hope to be? Reply BT Box NV97A or call ★★1947.

Nice Guy Looking For An HIV+ Romantic Hispanic
I'm a nice guy who cares about animals and people. I'm 41 years old, HIV+, 6', trim with a hard body, German heritage, and I'm also a romantic. I'm looking for a Latin/Hispanic man who likes to have fun, great sex, snuggle and stare into each other's eyes. I'm versatile, but prefer bottom. I'd prefer that you be a top. C'mon, give me a call. You're gonna be pleasantly surprised and you're under no obligation. Call ★★1948.

Let's Get Naked
Attractive, friendly, boyish-looking GWM, 34 y.o., 5'8", 140#, dark blond hair, grn eyes, clean-cut, hairy trim body, seeks handsome, muscular, independent topman for friends and fun. Reply w/photo (returned) to Boxholder 99, 2300 Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★1949.

Alternative To Phone Sex
Do you really dig jerking off, talking dirty and partying? Are you into cocks & balls as much as me? Do you enjoy just being naked with other men? This is a one-on-one scene, not groups/couples; it's a jerk-off/dirty talk trip, not fuck/suck/touch. Not for teetotalers, it's partying (we share costs 50/50) get together, my place in Oakland, 10-11 pm. Not into videos, shaved guys, toys. Age, size, looks not important. Call ★★1950.

Making Mr. Right
This is what I would create: A partnership built upon friendship and mutual desire. A relationship which stimulates my imagination and captivates me. A man who loves and accepts love. This man would be a unique individual with a strong sense of himself and his world. He would be happy about the path he was traveling on. He would be a gentleman and a scholar, a romantic and an optimist, a teacher and a learner. He would love himself unpretentiously. He would love life. His physical being would be an outward expression of his inner self; not something he sculpts to seek the admiration of others. He would be inquisitive, spontaneous and sexually adventurous. He would feel equally comfortable in the presence of mighty redwoods and in a box at the opera. His greatest gifts would be his willingness to love and his capacity for laughter. I am a GWM, 30, brown hair and eyes, cleanshaven, 5'10", 175, good-looking and comfortable with who I am. I am a spiritual, intelligent, educated thinker whose soul is unlocked by music. I enjoy reading to stimulate my mind and working out to stimulate my body. I've decided it's time to define and create what I want instead of wading through the river of opportunity. If you are at a similar point in your life; if you are out there—and I know you are—please write to me and send me a photo (returnable) of yourself. From your words, your smile, you eyes—I'll be sure of you. Reply BT Box NV98A.

Lover Material
Handsome and sexy GWM, 54, 5'10", 168, blue eyes, moustache, seeks attractive masculine man for potential lifemate. Interests include bicycling, hiking, organic vegetable gardening, and weekend outings. You are handsome, NS, light/ND, great shape, and have the capacity for warm-hearted affection and playfulness. Extra points for being hairy and balding, and outdoors oriented. Call ★★1951.

If You Are Serious
about forming a monogamous life partnership/best friendship, and are not a gym addict, narcissist or egotist, read on. I'm looking for someone with time to invest (no multiple memberships, friendships or heavily scheduled lifestyle) and the capacity for love, generosity and caring. GWM, 45, 5'11", 160, brn eyes, brn-gray hair/bldg, masculine, very hairy, healthy, cleanshaven, well-groomed, stable, adventurous, pleasant personality. Enjoy country music, travel, outdoors, movies, reading, hobbies. We share: good values, no addictions, weight/height proportionate, good sense of humor, calm/unpretentious personality, quiet/non-urban lifestyle. Please include return address with response. JN, PO Box 4654, Foster City 94404.

Hopeful Romantic
Fun, intelligent, moody, affectionate, angry, silly, playful—complex. Attractive, GWM, 5'5", 145 lbs., 36 years, brown hair, blue/green/gray eyes. Great eyeglasses. Passionate about theater, film, amusement parks, expositions, travel, board games, my friends—having fun! Enjoy music (most forms), cooking, dancing, massage, rafting, skiing—adventure! Commute by motorcycle. Wear my politics on the left. Looking for friendship and LTR with a bright, intelligent man, age 25-50, who shares similar interests. Call ★★1952.

Hello
Average-looking, employed professional, masculine-inclined, HIV+, fit, 5'6", 140, 33, with many cultural interests to interact with developed but not pretentious or overbearing partner. Versatile, adventurous and experimental, but not verbal, tied or leashed. Voyeur and active situations enjoyed. Interested in those having interests in others and the ability to communicate socially and intimately; encouraged to express themselves with returnable photo. Preoccupied and distant discouraged. Reply BT Box NV99A.

So Marry Me Already! Part II
This GWM is ready to settle down. I'm 32, 5'10", 135, br/gr, cleanshaven, glasses, healthy PWA. I'm a quiet and easygoing Libra with all the usual neuroses. I drink very little, do no recreational drugs, and am trying to quit cigarettes (Honest!). My passions include travel, sun worship, good friends, and volunteering in the community. I'm usually found at the beach, in cafes, in an art gallery, or at the movies, and rarely in a bar or nightclub. Mr. Right should be my complement and not my mirror image; is similar to me physically and enjoys parks, beaches, art, movies, progressive music, DPN, dinners out, weekends away, and quiet evenings in. He's honest, independent, emotionally secure, has an absurd sense of humor, is politically conscious, and is chemical-free. He must be a romantic, likes being on top, and is just kinky enough to keep things interesting. He realizes that relationships take time to develop and begin with a friendship, and understands that there will be plenty of time for career advancement and material possessions once there's a cure. For now what's important is experiencing life. If this is you, what are you waiting for? Give me a call! Call ★★1953.

Looking For HIV+ Latin Man
This hot, nasty, HIV+, 40-year-old GWM, bottom, brown/blue, 6', 175 lbs., has a hard body and a big dick. I'm looking for an HIV+ Latin topman, between the ages of 21-50. Muscles or dick size aren't important to me. If you like to have your cock sucked and fuck a tight, clean, ass, give me a call. You're gonna like it, man! Call ★★1954.

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209 Area Code **TOP THIS:** 6', dark brw hair, btm, smooth seeks musclr, tp 28-39 for frequent get togethers. ☎4845

Modesto **CHINESE CONNECTION:** 5'9, 24, chinese guy, ready to have some fun, call me! anytime! ☎4402

SF **ANY RACE OK:** 25, bm who's positive is looking for any race or couples 18-25 for fun times. ☎2904

SF **VERY PASSABLE TS:** 5'7, european, black & puerto rican,pre-op TS seeks sensitive, compassionate, companion. ☎3121

Berkeley **HORSEPLAY:** 6' tall, 200lbs, brw hair/eyes, interested in having fun times with local guys —call & collect your reward. ☎7730

SF **BEST FRIENDS:** gwm, positive, 27, seeking other positive men 23-30, I enjoy movies, walking, cooking, seeking someone for friendship/rel. ☎6358

San Mateo **GRAB ME BEFORE I'M GONE:** 19 y/o with pager wants to hear from you. Surprise me! ☎6420

SF **MAKE MY DAY:** 26 y/o, bttm, birthday coming up, looking for man to make my day ☎2937

SF **GAME FREE:** 22 y/o, brw hair/brw eyes, 5'7, seeks guy up to 30 y/o, who's tall, musclr, handsome man, (no games pls) ☎1101

SF **THIS IS A GOOD ONE:** 25 y/o, 5'8, 135lbs, clean shaven, btm, would love to hear from you. Just do it. ☎6855

San Jose, **SET SAIL:** 27, 5'8, brw hair, clean shaven, green eyes, enjoy hiking, camping, going beach, sailing my boat, quiet evenings, seeking stable guy under 30. ☎6510

Sacramento, **6'2, 25,** really enjoy outdoors, lookin to settle down, really love muscles & hairy guys. ☎1066

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Sonora, **GOODLKG, 31,** Bear in south bay once per week., you won't be dissatisfied. ☎6795

San Jose, **HUSKY & EZ GOIN:** 32, GWM, 5'10, 200lbs, like to party, concerts, water sports,lookin for good friend/poss. rel., 25-35, discretion assured. ☎7495

Santa Cruz, **DUO WANTS 2B TRIO:** 2 guys in santa cruz mountains looking for a third to join us. Com'mon over. ☎5593

San Jose, **STIMULATING CONVERS. AWAITS:** 33, looking to have good time with anybody who wants to give a call. ☎3611

San Jose, **46 INCH CHEST:** 6', 195lbs, good looking, built, interested in meeting, wm, 25-35, for LTR & fun, (hairy chest A+) ☎7026

Northern California, **ITALIAN BEAR:** looking for all guys in Northern Calif., I can travel to meet you. Call for details. ☎4694

SF, **YNG:** 5'8, v. athletic, tp, seeks blond, down to earth, guy 20-25 ☎3049

SF, **N2 TENDERNESS:** Tall, slender, 42, WM, interested in slender to med. build, subm. or easy going, asian or latin. ☎3135

SF, **WM,** 34, 5'11, 175lbs, blond/green eyes, smooth, seeks tp man, call anytime. ☎4185

SF, **WELL ROUNDED:** Black european, 5'10, 155lbs, lookin for stable rel. ☎3342

SF, **37, 145LBS,** black hair, brw eyes, hairy, tanned, athletic, lookin to date or play. ☎3534

SF, **BI-ASIAN,** 36, 5'11, 170lbs, seek straight guy under 36, med. built, bi-asian or white for safe times, ☎6902

SF, **UNUSUAL DESIRES:** 22, cute, bttm, looking for party guys under 35, who would like to take a walk on the wild side with me. ☎7492

SF, **YOUR REWARD:** 26 GWM, 5'8, 170lbs, blond/blue, enjoy going for rides, being outdoors, or call for my address & write me. Don't miss out. ☎3801

San Leandro, **TENNIS ANYONE? ACTIVE LATIN 22 YR OLD:** 5'11, 160lbs, romantic, very active, professional, good body, seeking 18-30 y/o. If this peaks your interest or if you're in any way intrigued, give a call! ☎4584

SF, **WHERE'S DADDY?** long brw hair, bearded, 175lbs, 5'9, 34, looking for daddy types into good times. ☎5516

Oakland, **PROF. HAIRSTYLIST & DESIGNER:** 6'2, 225lbs, brown skin, looking for new friend to socialize, hang out, go to movies, lake walks. ☎7054

SF, **FIT AS A FIDDLE:** masc., 29, into fitness, seeking other masc. men 18-40, blond A+ for sweaty times. ☎7233

SF, **JUST YOU & ME:** dark featured & eqpd 5'7, gwm, is interested in physical rel. w/local guy. — call, you won't be disappointed. ☎7257

West Berkeley, **HASSLE FREE:** 41 y/o, bm, heavy set, 6', 250lbs, dark brw complexion, brw eyes, stached, attracted to ynger white guys who like to explore. ☎5721

SF **HUNKY** easy to talk to, desires ASIAN guys ☎5596

SF **DATING FIRST:** looking to connect 38, prof. musician, 5'10, 145lbs, wear glasses, lots more to share with you after dating. ☎4270

SF **POLITICALLY ACTIVE BM,** 5'11, 190lbs, stocky build, goatee, enjoy singing, politically active, should be 5'11 or taller, ☎4627

SF **SKIN HEADED:** 28, latino, into durby jackets, looking to be dom. guy. ☎6480

SF **LATIN LOVER:** 27, 5'10, 165lbs, brw hair/black eyes, latino, looking for vers. men, leave description. ☎6545

SF **VERY BIG GWM,** 31, 6'3, 285lbs, likes dinners, quiet times, sincere honest types, (asians encouraged) ☎6673

SF **WHAT CAN I DO FOR DADDY?** 28 yr old Boy, 6'2, looking for dom. daddy type for fun & other less publishable activities. ☎6905

San Luis Obisbo **LET'S PLAY:** 5'10, 185lbs, looking for man who like to play ,45 w/nice built who wants to get together. ☎7025

SF **SORTA PICKY:** looking for mature, educated, secure, guy who's not too pumped up to date. Call & get to know me. ☎7104

SF **PASSIONATE COUPLE SOUGHT:** Vers. 35 yr old, WM, 6'1, 210lbs, long brw hair/eyes, into photography & passion, please leave a msg. (discretion encouraged). ☎7200

SF **DAYTIME ADVENTURE:** 34, 5'9, 140lbs, tp, looking for fantasy, back rub, seeks 18-30 to fill daytime void. ☎1951

SF **SMOOTH & SLIM:** 27, 5'11, 160lbs, brw hair/eyes, seeks tp guy for fun times, ☎6357

San Jose **EDUCATED LATINO** 35, 135lbs, brw hair & eyes, into outdoors, hiking, camping, seeks educated men in South bay. ☎5675

San Jose **V. ATHLETIC** Latino, 37, 160lbs, brw hair & eyes, enjoy reading, dancing, swimming, searching for rel. w/ poss. romance later on. (educated & sports fan A+) ☎6525

San Jose **ASIAN FIND:** 22, 6'1, 185lbs, Asian, would like to meet yng guys 18-20, If nothing else we could get to know each other for future reference. ☎3946

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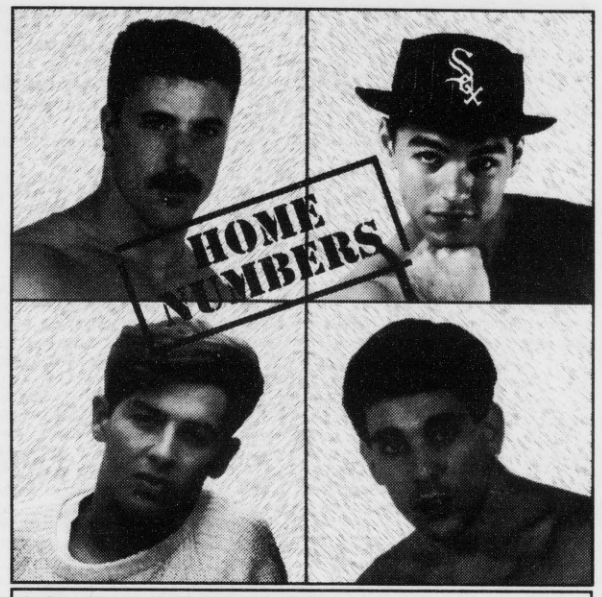

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I Haven't Been There For The Longest Time

After living abroad for three years, GWM academic is finally back home and eager to explore an intimate sexual and spiritual connection with the right man. 39, 5'9", 175 lbs., brown hair, green eyes, masculine and cleanshaven, NS, light drinker. My friends describe me as possessing inner strength, gentleness, wisdom and a good sense of humor. I seek to meet a man between 30-45. Men with medium builds and dark hair are a plus. Interests include reading, NPR, music (Judy Collins is a favorite), movies, swimming, hiking, travel, and intimate moments with a handsome man like you, perhaps? Reply BT Box NV100A or call ★★1956.

Multi-Ethnic Friends Wanted

GBM, 40 y.o., 5'11", work-out daily, moustache, nonsmoker, airline professional, PC user, goal-oriented, health conscious, not into bars but I enjoy checking out new dance clubs, visit Thailand/Malaysia on a regular basis. I would like to meet honest foreign-born guys, 21-35, with similar interests. Your photo gets mine, will answer all. PO Box 880608, SF 94188 or call ★★1957.

Looking For A Together Guy

You: 30-45, NS, ND, HIV-, looking for LTR. You like outdoors, friendship, emotional and physical intimacy, appreciate a caring man and like being a bottom, but you want to know a man before going to bed with him. I'm GWM professional, 40s, 5'9", 145 lbs., HIV-. I have great sense of humor, high energy and think being gay is a pretty wonderful thing. Recent photo and phone # to BT Box NV101A or call ★★1958.

Music, Language, Monogamy

Well-bred, well-educated, well-employed BM, 38, very musical, very verbal, bilingual (French); attractive, gentle, masculine top; 6', 225 lbs., HIV-, NS/ND. Seeks friendship, eventual monogamous LTR, with similar stable, cultured man, any race, 35-45. Your interests include languages, classical music and opera. Please, no outdoorsmen, party boys, gym addicts, bohemians, race fetishists. Reply BT Box NV102A or call ★★1959.

Kind And Intelligent

Tall, handsome, bl/bl, funny, nice body, cultured, well-mannered, spontaneous, myriad interests, successful, early 40s, HIV+. I have a wonderful life that is oriented to growth, service and fun. Seeks kind, intelligent, proportionate, decent-looking, 5'9" +, nice guy with a good life, good friends and generous spirit for a nurturing, fun experience. Box 409, 2443 Fillmore, SF 94115.

Qui N'a Pas Besoin De Chaleur Humaine?

La vie sans amour et amitie n'est pas gaie. Very attractive and good-looking Chinese guy, 40 y.o., with European background seeks under 45 y.o. GWM, GLM or GAM for dating, friendship or more. Into varied interests, NS, ND, HIV-, in good proportion. Please write (photo appreciated and returned) to Boxholder, PO Box 827, Brisbane 94005-0827 or call ★★1960.

Bearded SF Dad

GWM, 60, 5'9", 135#, HIV-, ND/light drinker, FrA/P, seeks mature masculine men, 40-65, for intimate times, possible LTR. Turn-ons: facial hair, boots, jocks, leather. You appreciate affection, touching, CB worship, aren't afraid to express feelings and can passionately touch the heart as well as the body. We enjoy music, theater, travel, sharing. Send photo (returnable) and letter. Reply BT Box NV103A or call ★★1961.

Free Erotic Massage

By candlelight with scented oil and sensuous music offered to GBM/GLM/GAM, but all replies answered by massage shaman who uses special techniques to stimulate, relax, arouse and satisfy for a total body experience. No reciprocation necessary but I do desire feedback in techniques used. New to SF and willing to teach others on methods used. Call or write: PO Box 410990, Suite 256, SF 94141 or call ★★1962.

Winter Is Coming...

And so am I. 30 y.o. GBM, 6', 245 lbs., beard, hairy chest, wants furry friend to hibernate with. I prefer men with beards/moustaches, but cleanshaven is okay (but must have chest hair—the more the better). Looking more for a sexual playmate than a lover. No drugs or heavy drinkers. Reply BT Box NV104A or call ★★1963.

You—Native American

Me—white man. I've always had an attraction to Native American men, even as a boy growing up in the Midwest. I'm 5'4", 128 lbs., 32 y.o., br/bl, HIV-. Looking for slender, short Native American man. I'm not perfect, you don't have to be either. My friends say I'm attractive—you decide. I'm connected with my spiritual self, you are too. Looking for physical/spiritual union. Send descriptive letter: Boxholder, PO Box 640883, SF 94164-0883.

Aloha!

I love consciousness, creativity, originality, enthusiasm, wisdom, compassion, intimacy, honesty, flexibility, simplicity, prosperity, wellness, solitude, playfulness, sexual versatility, meditation, affirmative prayer, Ernest Holmes, yoga, Hawaii, the arts, Data, nonsmokers, vegetarians, beardless faces, noble noses, tats, smooth torsos, thin, wiry to husky bodies, flowers, papaya, kissing, cute queer butts, romance, lust, balling in love, life. I refrain from television, whining, victimhood, competition, leather, closets, snoring. I'm cute, short, tattooed, bespectacled, proportioned, healthy, HIV+, 40s, Italian, joyful, brilliant, receptive. You be fabulous and know it! Reply BT Box NV105A or call ★★1964.

Skinny Boyish-Looking Leftist

Sought by 40-something professional GWM, into intimacy, the outdoors, friends, having fun together. I'm tall, handsome, smart and congenial—the kind of man you'd introduce to your mother. I'd like to date someone who has his own life and passions, who has progressive politics and monogamous tendencies. A bit neurotic or a little nerdy is just fine. Photo appreciated and returned. Reply BT Box NV106A or call ★★1965.

Lonely Latin Looking...

For masculine and fun GWM/bisexual, 20s to 40s for sex and possible boyfriend; slim builds, beards, balding, facial hair a plus. I'm 32, gym-toned, athletic, smooth, bottom, moustache, short hair, 5'7", 155 lbs., HIV+ but healthy, enjoy being on bottom but can be versatile. Enjoy sports (play volleyball), movies, nature, dancing (learning CW), cuddling, passionate kisses, voraciously oral. SF area preferred. Reply BT Box NV107A or call ★★1966.

Top + Bottom = Mutual Ecstasy

You bring the top energy, sexual forwardness and cock. I bring the bottom receptivity and responsiveness, sensitive nipples, and smooth tight ass. Together we share mutual passion and pleasure. I'm 5'11", 162, a youthful but mature 50, brown/green, fair, fit, secure, unaffected, professional with many interests. We are both HIV-, health-conscious, NS, and are any race and under 55. Call ★★1967.

Christian Minister Seeks Quality Monogamy

David seeks Jonathan (I Sam. 18:1). Tennessee GWM (minister) celebrates 30-something by placing ad in search of in-depth monogamous relationship. Humor, intelligence and compassion a must. You: GWM, 30-40; 6' or taller, weight/height proportionate, HIV- and Christian. I'm a handsome, 6'2", 204#, HIV-, creative, outdoor man, proud of who I am becoming... (III John 13). Send picture (returnable), phone and letter to: PO Box 2411, Mill Valley 94941.

Bare

Cute, genuinely nice, slightly bemused, happy, horny GWM quasi-nudist (yes, really), 39, 5'9", looking for someone sympathetic to date who likes to do all the usual stuff like movies and eating out and having fun and cuddling, but who is also daring enough to want to try splashing around naked at the beach, getting a nude massage on a warm rock or just plain making out bare on my couch (sigh). It's fun and warm and beautiful—you'll love it! I'm slender, in-shape, cleanshaven, a little quiet, funny, HIV-, educated and good-hearted; and nude, slenderish, youngish, cleanshaven guys with sweet smiles who love to fuck (top and bottom both) really get to my, er, heart. If you're a nice, sensitive boy and the idea of an occasional nude weekend with a really nice, warm boyfriend is making your dick get bigger right now—we should talk. Let's exchange pictures, please? You'll absolutely get mine. Reply BT Box NV108A or call ★★1968.

Someone To Love

37 y.o. GWM, 5'8", 140 lbs., professional, intelligent, warm, loving, HIV-, attractive, looking for that special person to make everything come together. That person is 25-40, sweet, cute, intelligent, communicative and emotionally available. We are interested in a mutually supportive, long-term monogamous relationship. We enjoy dining out, movies, deep conversation and mostly the quiet times together. Prefer GAM/GWM. Call ★★1969.

Hefty Dominant WM

Seeks trim partner. You're naturally submissive in bed, eager to yield and please and train, very oral, HIV-. I'm 70" tall, 210 lbs., late-40s, demanding and affectionate, HIV-. We're equals outside the bedroom, nonsmokers, no drugs. Reply BT Box NV109A or call ★★1970.

Not On The 1st Date

Handsome, unconventional, cleanshaven man with Jewish-Italian looks, 5 o'clock shadow, toned body, hairy chest, HIV-. 6', 155#, look 39 (actually perky 49). I enjoy Macintosh graphics, hiking, dancing, Tai Chi, massage, touch, and eating bagels. You are: cute/handsome, youthful, HIV-, heartfelt, easygoing, nonpretentious, healthy, caring. Probably: smooth, unbearded, lean or firm, nonsmoking. Share: grace, contagious laughter, spacious mind, tender kiss. Photo please. Reply BT Box NV110A or call ★★1971.

BiWM, 50, 5'11", 248 lbs., Top, HIV-

Wants a lot of sex and nudity with smooth, big bubble butt bottom, TV, TS, or bi—effeminate a plus. Age 40-65 or younger OK. Black, Hispanic, Asian a plus. Friendship or ongoing relationship. Spiritual, intellectual, music, or other interests. Open to other sexual activities. I like my ass eaten and cock sucked. East Bay preferred. Will travel. Your place. Weekends best. Have hairy body, moustache, thick cut cock. PO Box 7624, Fremont 94537 or call ★★1972.

R U A

25-35 y.o., non-tobacco smoking, HIV-, cut, with reasonable physique, interested in slowly building some sort of sensual relationship (starting with basics of food and sex), with a 47 y.o., decently built, hairy-chested guy, with br/bb, goatee, balding, HIV-. Sense of humor and/or intellect appreciated but not mandatory; however, an agreeable demeanor and functioning personality is. If you're in the ballpark, call ★★1973.

Once Upon A Time

There was a GWM, 36, 6'1", 175, br, br, moustache, brains, nice looks, nice friends, fun life, who—at times—was lonely and wished for romance. The wished-for boyfriend would be a GWM, GAM or GLM, age 18-40, good-looking, intelligent, personable, sexually versatile and socially responsible. He also might enjoy smiling, books, films, animals and laughter. Can you help with the ending? Reply BT Box NV111A or call ★★1974.

Erotic Photos

I enjoy exchanging and taking erotic photos. I have many pictures of lover's hot, muscular body with his fat 9" in full glory; which I'll gladly exchange for your hot nude photos. I'm a handsome, 28 y.o. amateur photographer who can also take sexy nude pictures of you and give a developed set to keep. Your limits and confidentiality strictly maintained. Send photos to BT Box NV112A or call ★★1975.

Eat The Music

Are you someone who likes Kate Bush, Dario Argento, Suzy Bright, Sick and Twisted Players, Sandra Bernhardt, and the musical "Coco"? If you answer yes, let's talk. I seek a relationship with a man in his 30s, preferably white, and who is interested in sexual experimentation. I'm Hispanic, 5'8", 170 lbs., 35. Make the call. Reply BT Box NV113A or call ★★1976.

Seeking Slim, Hung Lifemate

Actively seeking loyal, nonsmoking, healthy, HIV-, monogamous, uncomplicated, live-in partner, 21-55, any race, who's slim/slender, masculine, mega-hung (9" plus), enthusiastically into prolonged butt-fucking, affectionate cocksucking and committed homelife. I'm tall, slim, balding GWM, 49. Prefer letter/photo response. Reply BT Box NV114A or call ★★1977.

Independent

Youthful, masculine, GWM, 45, 5'11", 170, br/bl, moustache, very hairy, built, HIV-. Weekdays: suit & tie. Weekends: mountain biking, gym, 4-wheeling, camping. Seeking guys, 25-45 (pref. East Bay), for no-strings attached good times. Busy schedule, but I'll make time for the right guys. Married (straight or gay) OK. NS, ND, in-shape only and no pointy-toed boots, please. Call ★★1978.

Play With Fire

Adventurous, spiritual, intelligent, 34, attractive, sensual, easily intimate, HIV-, 5'7", 130, likes good conversation, long walks, mystical journeys, sunny days, nature and a good sense of humor. Seeks playful growth-oriented guy with good intentions and a kind heart who is not afraid of his or the world's shadow. Call ★★1979.

Cute Young Pharmacist

Willing to fulfill your every prescription need. Personalized consultation given to GWM, 25-35, interested in 30 y.o. GWM who likes to go to movies, dancing, dinner for two, long romantic walks, working out at gym. Dating, possibly more. Call ★★1980.

Dedicated Partner, Reliable Friend

Enneagram (4)—INFP, seeks kindred spirit with LTR experience. We value: mutual respect, spiritual intimacy, balance, disciplined thought, integrity, healthy lifestyles, self-awareness, altruism, home, nature, intuition, classical music-(-making), shared journeys, emotional availability, roads less traveled, deep feelings, inner exploration/growth, tolerance, animals, higher self, singing, growing old together, inner child, uniqueness, new approaches, Midwest ethics, walks, teachers, sensitivity. Emotionally/financially secure GWM, 5'7", 123#, alive 45. Call ★★1981.

Sincere

Attractive GWM, 34, 170#, 6', thinning dirty blond hair, clean-cut, nonsmoker, non-drinker, exercise regularly, HIV-, monogamous. Are you tired of sleeping alone, being dateless, being told by friends you're such a nice guy, why are you single? If you are HIV-, nonsmoker, non-drinker, exercise regularly, monogamous and are interested in dating, I would like to talk to you! Call ★★1982.

GAM Seeks GWM For LTR

I have a lot to offer the right guy, but I haven't found him yet. I am Chinese American, 28, Stanford graduate. These are a few of my favorite things: bookstores, blockbuster movies, Land's End, the Carpenters, ethnic restaurants, milk chocolate, Disneyland, the "Today Show." Still reading? You should be smart, unselfish, cute, healthy and within five years of my age. Reply BT Box NV115A.

Hot Sex, Then Maybe Love...

And, perhaps, a long-term relationship? You are Asian, 25-35, slim, ready to consider settling down. I am 5'8", 160 lbs., 42 yrs. old, foreign-born, hard working professional, romantic, with a house ready to be turned into a home. HIV-. Call ★★1983.

Casual Homebody/Passionate Body And Soul:

Twilight Zone, Van Gogh, philosophy, independent Christian/a Higher Power, Moderate Pride, music, humor (!), no heavy alcohol/drug dependency, light videophile, versatile—WM, 32, 5'9", 155#, "good-looking," hairy, cleanshaven... Seeking similar outlook (Asian/Latin/or ??). Letter/optional photo to: J.S., PO Box 640041, SF 94109-0041 or call ★★1984.

Home Alone?

Maddeningly delicious head when you need it! Forget home-alone lonely jack-off blues! If you're 18-32, cute, safe, cut/uncut, smooth/hairy (hairy legs, muscles a plus), any race, size, in-shape, this good-looking GWM will love you. Me: trim beard, salt/pepper, hairy chest, legs, hazel, 5'4", 50s, 150, 6 thick inches. No reciprocation, unless desired. Box 263, 537 Jones, SF 94102 or call ★★1985.

Closets Can Be Fun!

Semi-closeted suburban GAM searches for semi-closeted GWM in SF to SJ area to share weekends with. We're both: masculine, straight appearing, attractive, physically fit & trim, honest, humorous, easygoing, considerate, nonsmokers, HIV-. We both like various intellectual & physical pursuits, especially intimate times & great sex! I'm 29, 5'11", 145 lbs., employed college student. Looking for compatible GWM of close age, preferably taller & hairy. Come on, let's make our closets happenin' places! Please reply Boxholder, PO Box 451, Mt. Eden 94557-0451 or call ★★1986.

I Love To Eat Rice

GWM, 34, 5'7", 185, partially bald, w/hairy chest, teddy bear type seeks GAMs, 18-35, medium to slender build, to service orally. If you are Asian and want a hot blowjob, write to Boxholder, PO Box 423856, SF 94142-3856. Uncut, smooth & cleanshaven guys are a+. Inexperienced OK. I do not expect reciprocation, but not against it either. Reply BT Box NV116A or call ★★1987.

Somewhere There's A Someone

Maybe it's you! I'm in-shape, attractive. Italian, very young 60, 5'8", 155#, brown/bald, short beard/moustache, nonsmoker, hairy chest, HIV-, clean, neat, considerate, dependable, nice guy. Enjoy home, reading, music, plants, board games, good conversation, quiet times. You're mature, in-shape, nonsmoker, with energy/time/commitment for a successful union. Please be sincere. All answered. Travel is no problem. Photo appreciated/returned. Box 6043, Eureka 95502-6043 or call ★★1988.

Visual/Art

GLM, 6'3", 195, late-30s, healthy, handsome, optimistic, adventurous. Looking for GWM/GLM, mid-20s to late-30s, buffed, nonsmoker, keen on the visual arts. You're perhaps a bit avant garde... but not over the edge. A sense of humor, compassion, romance, and zest for life is important. I like guys who are close to my height, but this is not an absolute. Thanks. Reply BT Box NV117A or call ★★1989.

Ain't Misbehavin' Boyfriend

Big dicks and bubble asses don't mean as much when you're 51, HIV+, full beard and self-employed gentleman businessman. What does matter is a willing spirit, attitude that respects a fine home and lifestyle, and values that support my Midwestern values and German resourcefulness. You: bottom/versatile; could be 23 or 53—it's the sparkle that counts! Call ★★1990.

Arouse My Senses

Wanted: Good-looking, healthy man to share adventure with. Experience with affection and communication required. Romantic potential. East Bay a plus, not a must. I'm 37, 6', 190#, mixed race (white/Black/Cherokee)—look Puerto Rican, black goatee, chestnut brown eyes, HIV-, sensual, sexual, creative and demonstrative. Admiration for other artists. Not interested in fixed roles, small brains, drugs or tobacco. If you are an exceptional person, call me. Call ★★1991.

I'm A Lost Boy...

Looking for someone 45 or older who is willing to forgive. I am incarcerated in a prison, lonely and trapped in a macho world. I'm scheduled for release soon. Looking forward to being welcomed into new home with open arms. I'm 18 y.o., 130 pounds, hard, tight body, brown hair, blue eyes. I will make you very happy if you give me a chance. Sincere replies only. Reply BT Box NV118A.

Message In A Bottle

Seeking bright, funny, caring and athletic man. I'm the same (on good days), professional, 28, 5'10", thin, boy-next-door, runner. You: 25-33, HIV-, NS, affectionate, fit, gorgeous or goofy. Seeking a combination of romance, friendship and animal lust. I prefer a letter and photo, and I'll reciprocate. An awkward blind date can follow if we're brave. Reply BT Box NV119A or call ★★1992.

A Boy & His Dog...

In GGP, Wednesday, 10/20. You: 6', brn hair, goatee, 185#. Black lycra shorts, AX T-shirt, jeans and black belt w/silverwork and turquoise (?). Dog: small b&w pug, mostly white. You kept her under control w/gestures and looks. Me: 6', blnd hair, beard, 185#, writing on the hill above you. It was a funny, charming first impression. I hope it won't be the last. Reply BT Box NV120A or call ★★1993.

Stop—Did You Know!

That November is the month and the time for seeking a loving gay May/December relationship. This young old-fashioned gay Italian man (33, 5'7", 141 lbs.), who is self-sufficient, professional, handsome, happy, healthy (HIV-), and extremely attentive to an older man's needs. I am in search of a long-term sincere friendship/relationship with the possibilities of love, total commitment, respect and unity with an older man (40-70). I feel this can only be accomplished with another man who is willing to give himself and someone else a starting chance. In addition, I am looking for a man who is not hung up on a past relationship, or feels it is too soon to be married, or is looking for the perfect person: please have all of that under control. I would love to share the holidays and start the New Year off with someone I love. Let's receive the love we both deserve. Please, no drugs, smoke, married or bi men. Photo and phone if possible to: PO Box 8422, San Jose 95155.

Former Clone

Nice guy, mid-40s, wondering why these guys in their 20s and 30s usually write ads that specify a "use before" date of 35. Are you a sexy, available guy over 35? Looking to date someone with interests and values similar to yours? Then I'd like to meet you. I'm 44 (look 43), short (5'5"), studly (140 muscular lbs.), with striking blue eyes, short, sandy hair, balding, moustache, medium body hair; nice-looking and sexually adventurous. Healthy HIV+ for 9 yrs.; bright, funny & kind-hearted. You: any age or race, very good shape, hopefully under 5'9" and 150 lbs. Call ★★1994.

Partnership Sought

GBM, 6'3", 175, 30s, HIV+, moustache, moderately hairy, attractive, has permanent position available for partner in romantic venture. Ideal candidate is outgoing with good communication skills, sharp sense of humor and strong self-esteem. Potential partner should have some interests in travel, film, theater, concerts, hiking, animals, good food and good friends. Benefits include smoke-free, drug-free environment, generous kisses, and a very competitive "intimate" package complete with sensual cuddling and passionate evenings. Ideal position for a man 5'10" or taller. Applicants with facial/body hair especially encouraged to apply. All races welcomed. Equal opportunity extrovert. Call ★★1995.

Central Contra Costa

Looking for locals with varied interests which may include movies, dinners, tennis, bikes, games, pinochle, workouts (body and mind), spirit/religion (?) & TV sports. I'm 40, 5'10", 170#, asym. HIV+, NS, red-brn/blue, 'stache, active, fit, nice and nice-looking. Ideal local is 30-50, NS, proportionate, energetic, stable, sometimes quiet, always sincere. Call ★★1996.

Massage Anyone?

Good-looking, cleanshaven, well-educated, East Bay GWM, mid-30s, 6'2", 190#, HIV-, seeks similar GWM/GAM, 25-35, for an erotic massage exchange and, who knows, maybe even a friendship. I am relatively inexperienced, so please be looking for a sensual experience rather than wild sex. Please send a photo (which I will return) and a letter describing yourself and your interests to BT Box NV121A.

Can Lust Become Love?

Let's find out! Hot, hairy, Mideast professional, top, finds slim trim men of color (especially smooth Asians) incredibly attractive. Let's get together and see if the chemistry is right for romance. HIV-. Call ★★1997.

Mayan Madness

We've climbed the pyramid of the magician;

sweaty and exhausted, we stare out over the steamy silent Yucatan jungle, then at each other. The touch and scent of our embrace is sensual. Looking for a buddy, lean, 40-50 years old; graying hair, moustache (maybe hairy), smart, gentle, HIV-. Your fellow GW adventurer is 37, athletic, dark hair and moustache, professional, gentle disposition, HIV-, and likes to venture into new worlds—cultural, spiritual and physical. Call ★★1998.

Mature Men, 40s-70s

Honesty, commitment, emotional availability, earthiness. Holidays together with family, an active shared retirement or new career launched together. A full appreciation of our bodies as nature created and aged them. A sense of reverence and stewardship for ourselves and our surroundings... if this strikes a chord, let's get in contact. I'm healthy, HIV-, semi-retired, financially independent, friendly, NS/ND, a mature and accomplished mid-40s. Reply BT Box NV122A or call ★★1999.

Curious Couple

Good-looking GWM, 30, and cute/trim GAM, 25, both 5′6″, 135-140#, in good shape, interested in meeting other guys/couples for social and sexual adventures! We prefer GWM/GAM/GLM men around our age and height/weight. We're definitely not "hardcore," but really enjoy having others join in the fun! So, if the idea of a "group grope" grabs you too, then drop us a line, OK? Reply BT Box NV123A or call ★★2000.

Bay Area Bondage

31-yr-old gay young white male looking for others, 18-40, to play. Have you thought about it but never acted on it? I can provide light to heavy in a safe, secure environment. Sex or no sex. Top/bottom or mutual. Leather, rope, rubber or football pads/gear. Me: 6′, 190, brn/brn, cleanshaven, boy type. White/Asian/Latin encouraged. Take that chance. Reply BT Box NV124A or call ★★2001.

Do You Deserve Someone Like Me?

Handsome, muscular, masculine and fun Latin Gemini stud, 5′10″, 170, 30s, with a great attitude is looking to share physical, sexual and sometimes spiritual friendships with other men who are comfortable with their sexuality and who have few possessive emotional hangups. I prefer taller guys, 21-30s, who are mostly smooth and lean, and who are clean-cut, all-American types, or rough around the edges, cocky kind of guys. I'm sexy, passionate, lots of fun and definitely unique. Do you deserve someone like me? Reply BT Box NV125A or call ★★2002.

Friendship/Relationship

If you would like to meet a good-looking but down-to-earth guy who is discreet and easy to be with, then keep reading this ad. I'm a GWM, fit, 6′, 165 lbs., early-40s, handsome, with good body, who wants to meet a regular, natural type, masculine, affectionate guy. I am relationship-oriented but I have no specific requirements or types. I am attracted to (as is everybody) guys who are good-looking and who feel good about themselves, guys who have a sense of humor, who enjoy simple pleasures and perhaps an occasional glitzy evening, guys who are financially secure, have traditional values and are interested in developing a long-term relationship. Reply BT Box NV126A or call ★★2003.

Crewcut? Bald?

Guys who are balding or just have very short hair are my turn-on. I'm a GWM, 39, 6′2″, 200#, and would like to meet someone around my age who is still into doing things. My interests run from all types of music and films, food and wine to travel and the outdoors. Please be real, honest and have a great outlook on life. Call ★★2004.

Try It Again!

My first ad was a disaster. I'm not asking for God's gift—just someone to date! I'm: attractive, GWM, 27, well-educated, professionally employed, slim, WASP. I'm seeking similar, 25-32, GWM, who is attractive, funny and honest. Letters only this time and I will answer each one. Pic appreciated. Reply BT Box NV127A or call ★★2005.

Are You Tired Of Sleeping Alone?

Of sharing intimate thoughts with your cats? Me: GWM, 41, 5′10″, 175. You may say I'm a dreamer; more bottom than top; HIV-. Looking for you: 18-35, top, imaginative, full of life. Take a chance. Reply BT Box NV128A or call ★★2006.

Easy On The Eyes

You: GM, 35-50, ND, ND, NS, HIV-, dark hair, facial hair, in-shape/well-built, cut, clean, intelligent, creative, spiritual, sensual, sweet but sexy, aggressive bottom; enjoy Rawhide (lead), Jackhammer, Levi/leather look, workout gear, Scrabble, Jeopardy!, walks, morning, museums, massage, J/O. You want similar in GWM, 41, 5′9″, 150, s/p, brn/bl, moustache, glasses/contacts, HIV-, cut, toned, vegetarian, kinda shy top. Any combination welcome. Reply BT Box NV129A or call ★★2007.

Man To Man

Masculine, good-looking guy, athletic and in-shape, seeks same. Me: young 44-year-old WM, 170 lbs., 6′, HIV-, sincere, sensitive, honest, dependable, emotionally and financially stable, with diverse interests. I enjoy movies, theater, restaurants, or just quiet evenings at home. I like cuddling, kissing, affection, foreplay and safe sex. It's probably clear that this is not a sex ad. I would hope you would be looking for the same qualities as those I've described. If so, and if you are good-looking and fit (body and mind), please write, describing yourself, and include a returnable photograph. Boxholder, PO Box 472223, SF 94147.

Man Seeks Man

GWM, European, 32, 6′, 145, HIV-, blue eyes, short blond hair, cleanshaven. I enjoy dancing, biking, hiking, theater, ballet, opera, classical music, movies, museums, going out, conversation. Sunday mornings in bed. I'm looking for GM between 25-35 y.o., attractive, intelligent, cleanshaven, nonsmoker for friendship and possible relationship (depends on us) who has similar interests. Reply BT Box NV130A.

Save The Gay Asian Whales

I'm GWM East Bay teacher, 44, 5′11″, 170, bearded, with thinning black hair, handsome. I play piano, love nature walks, cultural events, exploring SF and elsewhere. Spiritual values, practical, non-materialistic, into personal growth. Seek lean, not very hairy GAM or GWM, about 25-45, who's reliable, communicative, monogamy-oriented, HIV-. Please describe yourself, include your phone # PO Box 8031, Berkeley 94707 or call ★★2008.

A Regular Guy

This WM is sensual and solid, with a beautiful hairy chest, wide bright smile, HIV-, late-30s, intelligent and nice to know. Have a wide range of interests—sort of a Renaissance man. You have some of same qualities, a well-exercised body that likes to give/take lots of attention; weight in proportion to height. Last but not least, be happy with yourself! Call ★★2009.

3-Way Sex

Good-looking GWM, 28, 5′9″, 145 lbs., brown hair & eyes, hairy chest and HIV- seeks a 3-way with a couple wanting to experience variety in their sex lives. You should be between the ages of 25-40, in good physical shape, weight proportioned to height, stable, safe, HIV-, body hair a plus. I'm in good physical shape, a stable professional and sexually versatile wanting to experience the pleasures of two men. Send a photo and descriptive letter of how the three of us can enjoy one another! Your photo and letter gets mine. Reply BT Box NV131A.

Frustrated With Freaks, Flakes & Fags With Attitude:

This GWM wants to meet normal guys to date and/or hang out with. My passions include (not in any order): Annie Lennox, boxer shorts, flannel sheets, Paris, the beach, Roman noses, exploring SF, architecture, design, travel, Edith Massey, Depeche Mode, Woody Allen, Pancho Villa, nature documentaries, etc. I'm a 28 y.o., attractive (6′1″, 170#, brn/brn), gym-toned, HIV-, masculine, intelligent, down-to-earth, hopeless romantic who seeks (somewhat) similar for dating and/or ? Call ★★2010.

Visiting Hot Bottom Seeks Top

Good-looking bottom (33, 185#, 6′1″, br/bl, nice build, butch) seeks hot top(s) to service while visiting San Francisco (November 4 through 8). Eager to be used as object of pleasure and amusement for whatever purpose and in whatever capacity will please top. Into: FF, large toys, B&D, VA, S/M, TT, French-Greek + + +/aroma a-OK (love hung & uncut). This masculine, but submissive boy (w/hot throat/butt) is eager to experience kink, raunch and anything bizarre—group scenes encouraged. Let me serve as a part of your most far-out fantasy. Looking forward to use while under your domination and control. I lay ready to serve under the rim seat and remain as your disposal. Leave your phone number and message in my voice mail—I will call & make appointment to serve you at your earliest convenience. Call ★★2011.

Let's Hibernate

Looking to snuggle with someone special this winter. Me: intelligent, kind-hearted, loving, young-looking GWM, 42, 6′, 170, NS, salt/pepper hair, brown eyes, cleanshaven, HIV-. You: intelligent, 35-45, cleanshaven, husky, hairy, cut, NS, HIV-. We both desire a monogamous lifestyle and are available emotionally as well as timewise. We enjoy going out as much as we enjoy staying in as long as we do it together. We enjoy the following: movies, music, literature, time with our friends, Sunday mornings in bed. We both love cuddling, body contact, are very oral and dislike anal sex. Let's dust off the VCR and heat up the hot tub. Reply BT Box NV132A or call ★★2012.

How Good Is Sex?

It's only good when you're with someone you love. Very attractive, muscular, masculine, HIV-, GAM, 29, 5′10″, 175 lbs., wants romance to fulfill my heart's desire. I want the fairy tale romance; I want it all. Are you GWM, 25-35? Are you masculine & healthy? And are you ready for love & romance? If you feel the same way as I do, I'm ready to make both of us as happy as we can be. Call ★★2013.

15 Seconds!

That's how long it will take to read this ad. In that short span of time, you will decide whether to meet, have sex, be friends, marry or none of the above. Are all of your important decisions made this way? Don't cheat yourself—or me. Call for details and then decide! Call ★★2014.

Bondage Daddy Sought

Hot, masculine, intelligent, self-employed boy, 27, seeks strict yet flexible daddy, 26-45, for bondage and discipline, obedience training and guidance. I am into rigid, inescapable bondage, tight gags, VA, spankings and light tit/cock and ball torture. I am not into heavy pain, raunch or speed. You should be masculine, intelligent, honest, respectful of limits and an experienced bondage top or switch. Reply BT Box NV133A or call ★★2015.

Lookout

GWM, 41, 5′7″, HIV-, interested in meeting other GWMs in their 30s or 40s. I'm professionally employed, a lover of music and travel, recovering Catholic, a transplanted Easterner still awed at the West. My time is spent between work, exercise (weights, run), fixing up my house, roaming the Bay Area, late night conversations with one or two friends. I am, in unequal parts, physical, grouchy, empathic, conversational, sensual, dry, strong, ecstatic, bewitched, bothered and bewildered. I'm drawn to men who are intelligent, HIV-, who both appreciate and give good laugh, are not narcissistic, are emotionally available/responsive, well-built/good shape. Perfect, no; but maybe working with it. Reply BT Box NV134A.

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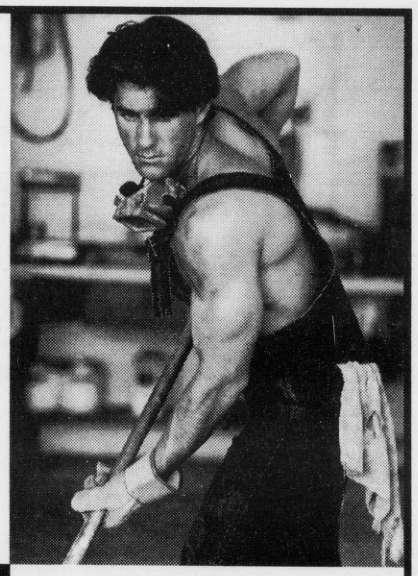

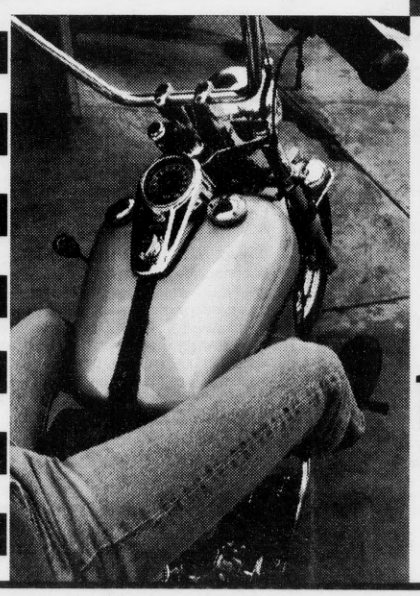

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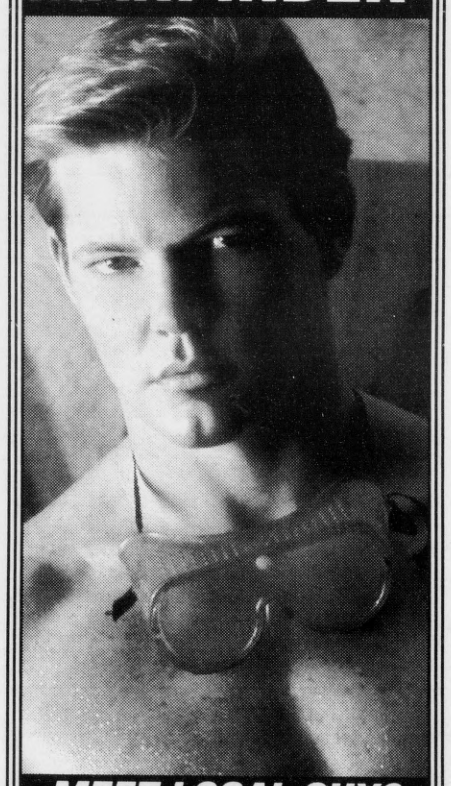

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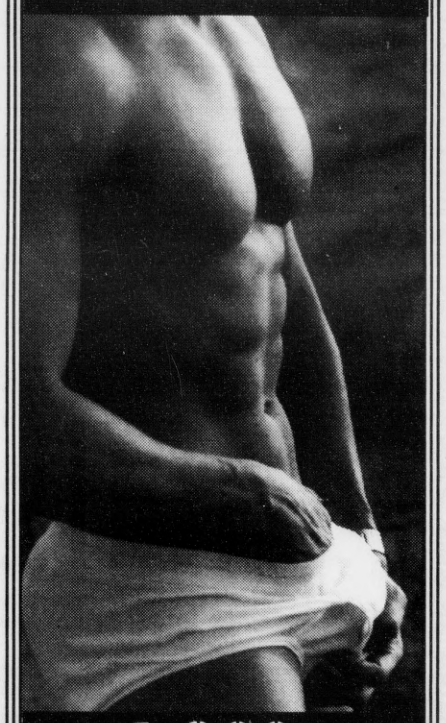

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ly eager to worship your youthful bodies—no reciprocation needed—that I am even happy to welcome two boys at once. I want to watch your bodies expand in maximum pleasure. Please write: Boxholder, PO Box 968, Laytonville 95454 or call ★★2016.

Texas Looks For CA Intelligence
Handsome GWM, 38, 6'2", 204#, HIV-, with full head of hair and well-trimmed beard, seeking to meet good-looking, HIV healthy, masculine, trim men, 30-40, who are creative, romantic, spiritual, independent and stable. Me: honest, loyal, listening, humorous, sensual, well-educated with depth. Am a writer, illustrator, who loves music, hiking and cooking. Send photo to PO Box 2411, Mill Valley 94941.

"In Dreams"
Is more than a song from the "Blue Velvet" soundtrack. Seeking a GBM, 25-35, muscular, proportionate, NS/ND, professional for dating and perhaps an LTR. Prefer SF or Northern Peninsula. I am a GWM, 38, 6', 185#, versatile, HIV-, easygoing. Likes: new restaurants, films, cats, music (classical to techno), sports cars. Dislikes: pretense, eggplant, shallow people, nuclear warheads. If you fit the description above, call ★★2017.

Ball-Oriented Men
Wanted to help me explore my secret passion! You: in-shape, under 50, big balls; playful attitude is essential. Me: tall, in-shape, reasonably good-looking, 39, HIV+ (but this will be completely safe), no experience with this & little interest in actual pain, but I do have nice, fat nuts. Send photo (of you, not just your crotch), phone, and hot note to 41 Sutter St., #1215, SF 94104. Let's play ball!

Buddies?
A boyfriend would be great, but how about a good buddy instead? Buds first, then maybe sex later. GWM, 39, HIV-, 5'11", 165 lbs., runner's build, hung, brn, blue, masculine, straight appearing and acting, great cook, Tahoe skier, mtn bike rider, car nut, has a great house in Marin, hot jacuzzi, goofy golden retriever... it's fabulous! Seeking handsome GWM under 35 with similar qualities & interests to enjoy the good life! Reply BT Box NV135A or call ★★2018.

Alive In Body & Spirit
Looking to exchange massages and possibly friendship with other sincere, friendly professionals. This 5'10", 165# GWM would like to bike & hike, enjoying the outdoors; sharing a meal, trading massage, playing cards, enjoying the indoors; likes to dance but still needs lessons in C/W. You: 35+, sincere, active in body & spirit, race unimportant, slim to med. ND, NS. Exchange, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call ★★2019.

Athletic, Professional Asian
46, 5'9", with a high kinetic energy and altruistic values is seeking to meet a similar gym-toned, smooth, cleanshaven WM for friendship or more. Have a youthful exuberance and appearance through workouts, running, dancing, sports and hiking complemented with a wide range of leisure activities. Undoubtedly sophisticated with impeccable manners and witty humor. Do your positive attributes and interests match mine? Drop a note and we'll see. Reply BT Box NV136A or call ★★2020.

Younger Asian
Desired by GJM in 50s. For friendship, sex and possibly romantic relationship. Like ballet, folk, jazz & classical music; local travel & hiking and slow easy good times together. I'm tall, slender w/moustache. You be smooth shaven, slender or chunky (but trim) and sexually dominant. Please call or write. Reply BT Box NV137A or call ★★2021.

Ethan Green's Boyfriend
& I have a lot in common. Although I think I look more like Ethan. Good-looking GWM, 30 yrs. old, 5'10", 160, br, gr, HIV+, athletic (running, hiking, skiing), healthy & health-conscious (NS, ND), intelligent, fun sense of humor, low budget traveler, former full-time Financial District professional—now part-time aspiring ceramicist. Seeking other good-looking GWMs for fun & adventure. Call ★★2022.

ADventure + CHemistry =
...a cute and masculine guy into "innocent" explorations, friendship, great adventures and possible LTR. The result of my chemistry quest should equal someone just as cute on the inside as on the outside, an honest guy under 31 who's ready for an adventure of his own. Smooth and slim types earn extra points. I'm 32, 6'1", 165#, blond/blue, very outgoing and kinda intense. C'mon, let's find out how much fun science can really be! Reply BT Box NV138A or call ★★2023.

Lover
After almost two years on my own (getting to know me), I am ready for a lover. I want someone who expresses his feelings; does what he says he will do; is kind, spiritual, fun-loving, passionate; ready, willing and able to share his generally satisfying life. You're probably 30-45, attractive, in very good shape, slim to medium build (smooth a plus). Without addiction, you're healthy (emotionally, financially and physically). Like me, you have spent time relooking your life. Attractive, in very good shape, successful, a young and playful 52, I'm 5'10", 169 lbs. and fairly hairy, with trim beard. I have a generally terrific life with great friends. HIV-, masculine. Somewhat versatile, I lean toward being a top in life, a bottom in bed. I write, make people laugh and love sex, conversation, being queer, movies, biking, schmoozing, 12 steps, Glide and SF. Some days I feel ready to burst (with love and stuff). Call ★★2024.

Shared Appreciation
GWM, 35, seeks honest, open, sharing friendship and possible LTR with an expressive, warm, attractive fellow, 30-40 years old. I'm 5'9", 145, handsome with a lean, muscular build. I'm witty, politically active, an art/architecture enthusiast, and an occasional city and country hiker. If any of this hits home, and you're fit, passionate, a bit outrageous, and a nonsmoker, please reply BT Box NV139A or call ★★2025.

I Do Declare, By Golly,
It's a beautiful day. I am alive. I am breathing. I am healthy. I am sensual. I like men and men's bodies. I am gentle. Handsome WM, 6', with a smooth muscular swimmer's body—fine pecs—seeks honest, healthy, very well-built friend for cuddling, mutual strokes, hot licks and warm times. Call ★★2026.

"Scat Sex" Respondants
To everyone who responded to my "Scat Sex" personal ad in recent issues by using the voice mail: Thanks for calling in and sorry I didn't get your message. Please call again at ★★2027.

Kinky Party Guy
GWM, 30s, muscular, looking for others into partying, fantasies, role-plays, 3-ways or small groups, toys, nasty fantasies, dominance/submission, humiliation. Let's get down and nasty together. Let me know your scene. All replies answered. Reply BT Box NV140A or call ★★2028.

Intelligent, Down-To-Earth, Masculine
GWM wants to meet and date guys who think being gay shouldn't color every aspect of your life. Me: 29 y.o., 6', 165#, brn/brn, cleanshaven, HIV-, attractive, professional, NS. I like thick coffee, thicker books, vigorous discussions, hiking, running, good food, time spent with family and friends and time spent alone. You're: HIV-, NS, 25-35 y.o., intelligent and open to the prospect of a committed, monogamous relationship. Call ★★2029.

Silence Is Not Golden
Diplomacy works. Handsome, horny, healthy GWM, 45, 5'9", 155, sandy/brn/salt, blue, North. California native, adventurous, inquisitive, mild risk-taker; varied interests; drive a heavy metal car, wear a blue collar in a high power, high stress job. Looking to date/mate/? with an equal—non-ageist, non-sexist male, 25 to ? yrs. old, sexually versatile, HIV-, aggressive, equal. I have driven a motorcycle to Tikal, seen a rainbow at midnight. Equal? Call ★★2030.

I Can Cook, Too!
Would you like to commit to someone not afraid of commitment? When the time comes to say, "I love you," wouldn't you like to hear the same in return from someone who means it? So would I—eventually. You: GM, 30-50, attracted to big men, or size really doesn't matter; medium to husky build, big butt, big dick, big heart are a+, but not necessarily in that order. Me: BGM, 40s, 6'2", reasonably masculine, attractive, fat (big belly), hung, uncut, intelligent, reasonably well-read, well-traveled, successful, stable, assertive, romantic, creative. We: HIV-, relationship-oriented, focused on progressive, constructive values; are open to becoming best friends, companions, lovers. We celebrate differences, are able to express emotion. We are not substance abusers, effeminate or social conservatives. Reply BT Box NV141A.

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How To Respond to a "Call Star" Personal Ad

CALL 1-900-844-2-GAY. Using a Touch-Tone phone, you can reply to any ad that has "Call ★★" with a Call Star Extension number. This is your chance to hear the advertiser's voice! Call their extension and leave a personalized message, or see if this sounds like an advertiser you'd like to write to. It's almost as easy as leaving a message on a friend's answering machine. And the advertiser gets your message immediately.

FOLLOW THE EASY INSTRUCTIONS when you call. You can either enter the Call Star Extension of a specific ad that interests you, or you can browse through a variety of greetings and respond to any or all of them. Select the ads you wish to leave messages for and record your responses. Be sure to include your telephone number and the best times to call. Calls cost 96 cents per minute and will appear on your monthly telephone bill.

How To Get a "Call Star" Voice Mail Box

IT'S SIMPLE AND FREE!! You'll automatically get a free voice mail box with your personal ad unless you check the box below. You'll receive a letter from us with your Call Star extension and your secret password, as well as detailed instructions on how to use the system. Remember: recording your greeting and retrieving your messages are **FREE.**

How To Reply by Mail to a SF Bay Times Personal Ad

SEND IN YOUR LETTERS: If the advertiser has a BT Reply Box, send your reply to Bay Times Personals, 288 7th Street, SF 94103. In the lower left hand corner of the envelope place the box number (not the Call Star Extension!) you are answering. Mail boxes remain open for two months; i.e. this issue's ads may be answered through January 4. Voice mail boxes remain open for four weeks.

How To Pick Up Your Written Replies

BT REPLY BOX MAIL PICK-UP: You may pick up your mail Monday through Friday from 1-6pm. If you do not have your own P.O. Box, you must get a BT mail box. Feel free to call us during the regular pick-up hours to find out if you have mail, and please limit your calls to these hours! *You must bring picture I.D. to pick up your mail at the office.*

MAIL BOXES REMAIN ACTIVE FOR 2 MONTHS
VOICE MAIL BOXES REMAIN ACTIVE FOR FOUR WEEKS
MAIL WILL BE FORWARDED WEEKLY

QUESTIONS? Call the SF Bay Times office at (415) 626-8121 and ask for Greta.

SUGGESTED AD CATEGORY (Check One): ☐ Women ☐ Men ☐ Bisexual ☐ Trans ☐ Shared Interests ☐ Crossed Paths

HEADLINE: _____

TEXT: _____

_____ ☐ Reply Bay Times Mail Box

Total # of Words: _____

☐ Enclose $10 up to 70 words $10.00
☐ Enclose 15 cents per word **over** 70 words:
____ words × 15 cents equals . . . . . ____
☐ Enclose $7 for Reply Mail Box . . . . . ____
☐ Enclose $11 for Reply Mail Box and Mail Forwarding . . . . . ____

COST OF ONE INSERTION . . . . . ____
____Number of insertions:
Multiply by cost of one insertion for total cost of ad . . . . . ____
Discount for 3 or more insertions: subtract 10% of total cost of ad . . . ____

ENCLOSED TOTAL COST OF AD, INCLUDING ANY DISCOUNTS: $____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone (weekdays) _____ **(eves)** _____

☐ Check here if it's OK to leave a message on your answering machine if we need to contact you
☐ Check here if you do NOT want a free voice mail box

You may stop by the office at the below address to fill out a coupon. **We cannot take personals by phone, nor can we accept anonymous ads. All information will be kept confidential.**

Mail Coupon To:
SF Bay Times Personals
288 7th Street, SF, CA 94103

NEXT DEADLINE: FRIDAY, NOV. 12

WORD COUNTS/PRICE INFO: 'A,' 'and,' 'the,' zip codes, PO Boxes, etc. should all be included in your word counts. There are no refunds for ads. If there is an error in your ad which substantially affects the value of the ad, we will issue you a credit to rerun the ad. If you have submitted an ad which does not fall within our editorial guidelines and we are unable to notify you, we will issue a credit to run a different ad.

ADVERTISING GUIDELINES In placing an ad, you must not use names, telephone numbers or street addresses. The San Francisco Bay Times hopes that you will submit ad copy in keeping with our general editorial policies. Ads should stress those qualities the advertiser finds compatible rather than target specific lifestyles, races or other aspects in a negative manner. We understand the difference between discrimination and personal preference. If your ad does not fall within the realm of our guidelines, we may notify you and allow you to make the necessary alterations. We reserve the right to edit ads. We reserve the right to reject any ad,whatsoever.

Remember: speech isn't as free on the telephone as it is in the newspaper. Government regulations forbid the "F-word" recorded on phone lines and other such direct communication. Have fun but be sensible.

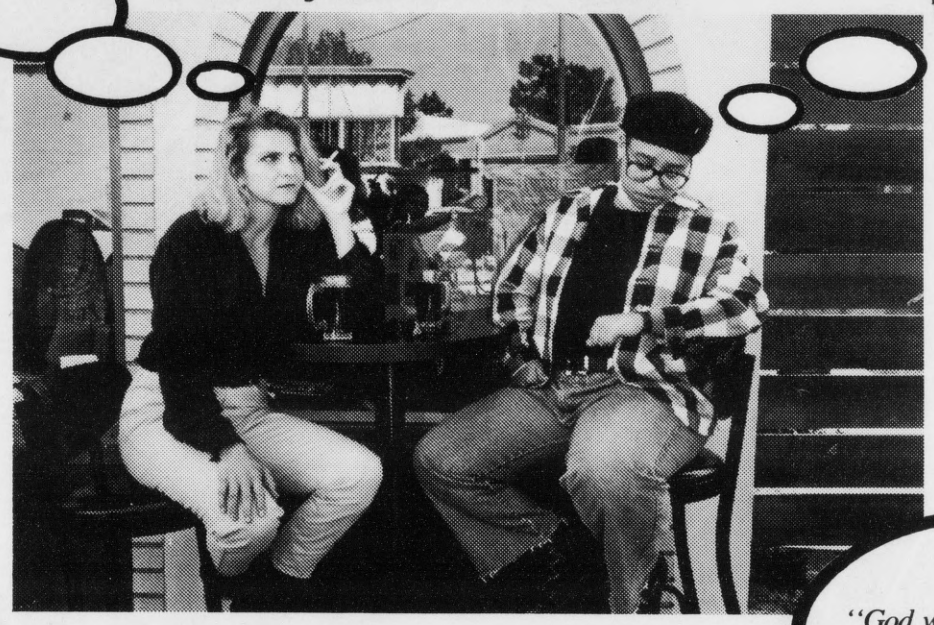
The Bay Times Voice Mail Personals:

What Have You Got to Lose?

"... orange juice, paper towels, Advil, cat food—Whiskas, no maybe Fancy Feast... or maybe I'll make a special dinner for Samson tonight... scrambled eggs and shrimp... wouldn't it be funny to make dinner for a cat! Wonder if cats can think...."

"If I leave right now I can still make it... damn... gotta finish the coffee... Double Jeopardy's the best part anyway... game can go either way no matter who wins the first round...."

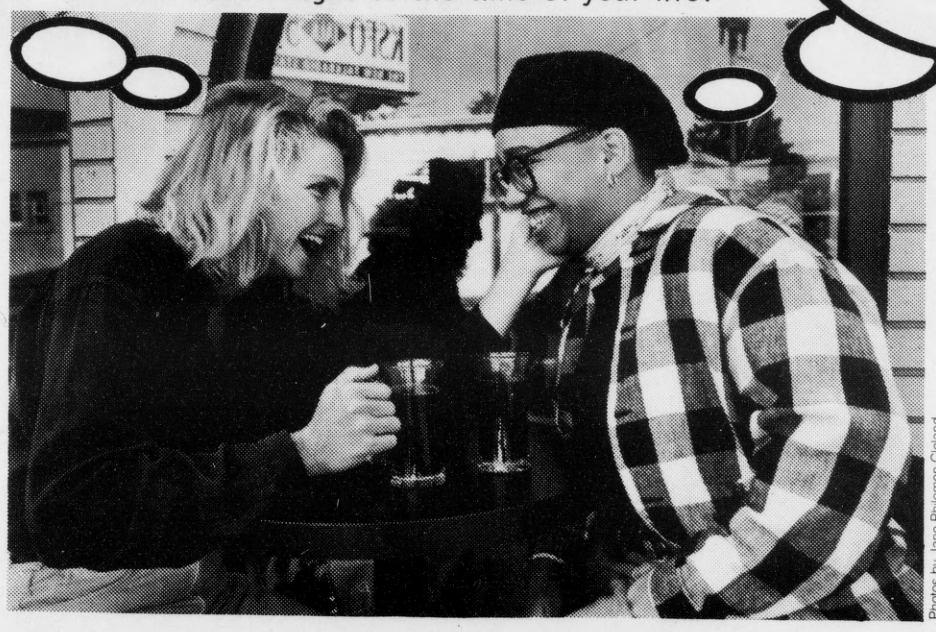
It might be a waste of time...



"... we both like animals... we both like coffee... incredible... this really could be it!"

"God what beautiful teeth she has... I think I'm in love!"

... but it might be the time of your life!



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The SF Bay Times Personals.
It's not just a date. It's an adventure.

TO RESPOND TO AN AD: CALL 1-900-844-2-GAY (only 96 cents a minute)
TO PLACE AN AD: SEE COUPON ON PAGE 54

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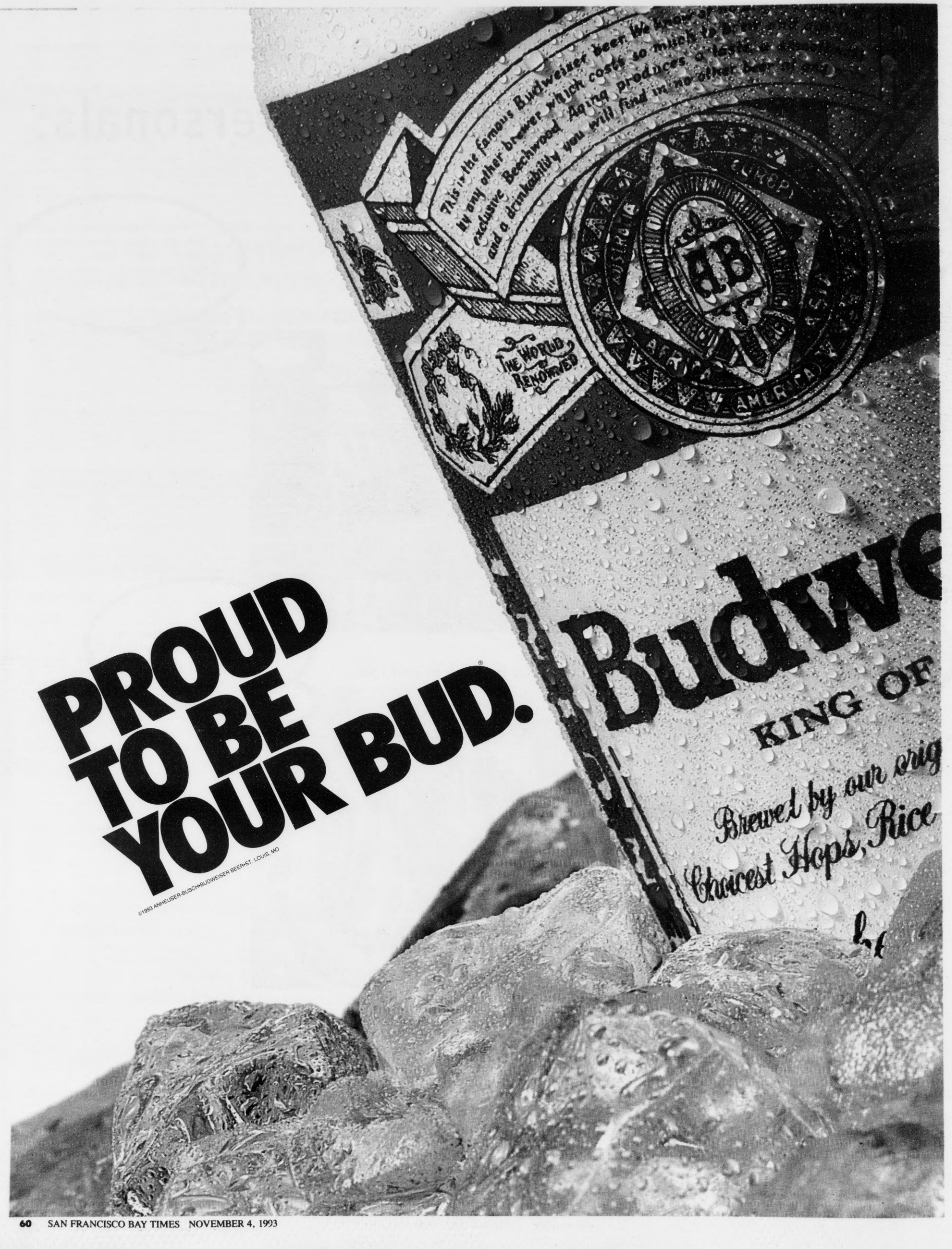

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